

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND ON WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2013 AT 3.00PM

Present:

Councillor C J James - Mayor and Chairperson

| <u>Councillors</u> | <u>Councillors</u> | <u>Councillors</u> | <u>Councillors</u> |
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| S Aspey | D M Hughes | H E Morgan | G Thomas |
| M W Butcher | P A James | L C Morgan | M Thomas |
| H J David | E M Hughes | M E J Nott OBE | R Williams |
| P A Davies | R M James | G Phillips | E Venables |
| N Clarke | R C Jones | C E Rees | K J Watts |
| G W Davies MBE | C L Jones | D R Pugh | M Winter |
| E Dodd | P John | C L Reeves | C Westwood |
| L Ellis | B Jones | M Reeves | P J White |
| D K Edwards | M Jones | C E Smith | D B F White |
| E P Foley | D R W Lewis | J C Spanswick | H M Williams |
| G Davies | | | |
| C A Green | J E Lewis | H Townsend | R E Young |
| M Gregory | J R McCarthy | J H Tildesley | |

Officers:

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| D Mepham | - | Chief Executive |
| N Young | - | Corporate Director - Resources and Section 151 Officer |
| S Cooper | - | Interim Corporate Director - Wellbeing |
| M Shephard | - | Interim Corporate Director - Communities |
| A Jolley | - | Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Regulatory Services |
| D McMillan | - | Interim Corporate Director - Children |
| G Jones | - | Head of Democratic Services (Electronic Support) |
| M A Galvin | - | Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees |

243 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on the 18 September 2013 were approved as a true and accurate record, subject to the following paragraph being added before the resolution:-

“A Member wished it noted that the European Union lawyers had advised that pursuing Financial Transactional Tax (FTT) was currently illegal as it was not compatible with the EEU Treaty.”

244 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Members for the reasons so stated:

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| Councillor D Sage | - | Recuperating |
| Councillor R D Jenkins | - | Unwell |
| Councillor R Thomas | - | Work commitments |
| Councillor A Owen | - | Family commitment |

245 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

246 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that he was excited to be attending the official opening of Maesteg market's new outdoor area and town square tomorrow.

Following a multi-million pound refurbishment, the outdoor market now features thirteen attractive retail units as well as a public space, a permanent stage area and improved links with the nearby bus station.

A number of events have been taking place over the last few weeks to demonstrate how the square can be used by the community for a wide range of activities, and the opening is set to reveal new public art as well as contributions from local schools who will be performing at the event.

The market will provide a fresh focus for local independent retailing, and will strengthen Maesteg town centre's commercial competitiveness, so the Mayor was looking forward to seeing it unveiled tomorrow

The Mayor confirmed that he was also looking forward to meeting Mr. Horace Drake on Thursday, a 93 year old resident who won an individual Mayor's Citizenship Award last year.

Mr Drake is the well-known author of 'Once Upon A Time In Aberkenfig', which is a very entertaining and moving book that he wrote following the death of his beloved wife, Gwyneth, from Alzheimer's.

He will be coming into the parlour to a charity cheque for the Alzheimer's Society, together with a large group of supporters and friends, added the Mayor.

All profits from the sale of the book were also being donated to the Alzheimer's Society, so the Mayor hoped Members would consider purchasing a copy of this book therefore supporting this very worthy cause.

Two pupils from Brynmenyn and Maes yr Haul primary schools were among the winners of a competition designed to promote the importance of good dental hygiene.

The competition required children to send in drawings and artwork, and now seven year old Tomos Hutchinson of Brynmenyn and eight year old Lewis Fitzpatrick of Maes yr Haul will see their work featured on the cover of forthcoming issues of the British Dental Journal.

The Mayor added that these young pupils were a credit to their schools, and extended his congratulations to both these young individuals.

The Mayor congratulated the local businesses who did well at the recent South Wales Business Awards, where the Bridgend Business Forum was a sponsor with support from the council.

One Nine Design was awarded 'Start-up Business of the Year' award, and TSW Training Ltd was named 'Business Services Business of the Year.'

Both businesses are members of the Bridgend Business Forum members and fought off stiff competition from across South Wales, where 24 businesses were shortlisted from a record number of applications the Mayor added.

Finally, the Mayor mentioned that on Sunday 3 November, he would be hosting a charity Sunday luncheon with speaker Wyn Griffiths at the Great House, Laleston. Tickets are available at £25 per person and more details would be made available very soon.

247 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

(1) Cabinet Member – Children and Young People

The Cabinet Member – Children and Young People confirmed that he was looking forward to welcoming the Deputy Minister for Tackling Poverty, Vaughan Gething AM to the County Borough on 14 November, to officially open Brackla and Plasnewydd Flying Start for pre-school children and their families.

Reading for pleasure was vital to children and adults improving their literacy, so the Cabinet Member – Children and Young People was really pleased that the Summer Reading Challenge in libraries across the Borough was the most successful ever, with over 1,600 children completing the task which was to read 6 books over this period. The Deputy Mayor, Huw Irranca Davies MP and himself, were invited to recognise the achievements of these children who read many more than 6 books over the summer, at a special ceremony at Pyle Life Centre.

The Cabinet Member – Children and Young People added that if our young people are more interested in the stage, then Bridgend Youth Theatre workshops, co-ordinated by the Authority and It's My Shout Productions, have started at the Ogmores Valley Life Centre. One of the most successful graduates of the Youth Theatre is from the Ogmores Valley. Aneurin Barnard recently played Richard II in BBC 1's "The White Queen". He added that he was sure that we would be seeing more stars in the future from the Bridgend area.

Estyn had been very busy this month, visiting the Bright Beginnings Tythegston Nursery which had been given an excellent rating by them. The Inspector who undertook the visit, had inspected over 150 schools and settings, and confirmed he had not seen a nursery as good as this before.

The Cabinet Member – Children and Young People added that the Old School House Nursery in Pen-y-Fai in its recent inspection, also had excellent feedback, in particular for its use of Welsh and ICT skills.

The Cabinet Member – Children and Young People concluded his submission, by advising that Llangewydd Junior school could also be really proud of their fantastic and well-deserved inspection report, which was full of excellent judgements and best practice. This was a wonderful achievement for the children, staff and governors.

(2) Cabinet Member – Wellbeing

The Cabinet Member – Wellbeing was pleased to announce that a brand new training programme had been launched for social workers who are in their second or third year of practice.

Earlier this week, Gwenda Thomas, Deputy Minister for Social Services, launched the new 'Consolidation Programme' which has been developed in collaboration by ten local authorities including BCBC along with the University of South Wales and Cardiff Metropolitan University.

Not only will the training give our newly qualified social workers additional skills and knowledge, it will also help to further raise the standard of service provided by social workers to local children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Fifteen of our social workers from across Adult Social Care as well as Safeguarding and Family Support will undertake the training programme during the current academic year.

The Cabinet Member – Wellbeing added that he was also pleased to announce the appointment of a new post to support carers in the county borough. The post holder Kathy Proudfoot will start on the 21st October and will work across Adults and Children's services. She will bring a lot of experience with her having worked for Carers Trust wales and represented carers on several Welsh Government working groups in relation to policy and practice.

The 2011 census has identified 18,000 carers in Bridgend, many of whom are caring for more than fifty hours a week. This new post will enable us to identify those carers in need of support to continue in their caring role, it will also enable us to improve service to young carers. The role will be integral to delivering the Carers Measure strategy and action plan and encourage a culture of working in partnership with carers so that they feel valued as equal partners in the provision of care.

(3) Cabinet Member – Resources

The Cabinet Member – Resources made the following announcements:-

Member Development

Pre-Council Briefings:

The following pre-council briefings were planned:

- 13 Nov 13 MTFS Update (following the Provisional Budget Settlement)
- 11 Dec 13 Independent Professional Advocacy (for Children) / The National Adoption Service
- 08 Jan 14 Private Rented Sector

Member Development Events

Budget Workshops

Members were no doubt aware that the Budget Workshops that were scheduled for 10th and 24th October have now been consolidated into a single session on 24th October 2013 at 2.00pm in Committee Rooms 1/2/3. 31 Members had already confirmed their attendance at this session on 24th and it was hoped that all members would make an effort to attend this session.

248 ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive announced that at the last meeting of Council, that BCBC were in the process of going through a Programme that was required in order to underpin cultural changes and make adjustments to the way it operated in the future, in order to ensure that the savings it was required to make in future years were realised.

He advised that since last Council he had been involved in speaking to staff in a series of weekly sessions, that explained the savings the Authority would be required to make, particularly over the next 3 year period, and other issues including:-

- i. Maximising Council resources;
- ii. Adapting to the significant changes required in order to overcome the future financial challenges which are unprecedented in terms of their scale;

- iii. Implementing different approaches in terms of the way the Council works and functions to continue to deliver its services and outcomes;
- iv. Make savings in terms of all areas of its expenditure;
- v. Becoming a smaller and leaner organisation due to the savings that are required, but at the same time looking at ways to minimise job losses.

The Chief Executive advised that local authorities in Wales were now experiencing what its counterparts in England had faced in recent years through cuts in settlements.

He added that staff through the above sessions had been asking a number of questions regarding the future operation of the Council and that these and other frequently asked questions, including appropriate responses to these, would be made available for inspection through the Internet.

The Chief Executive concluded his submission, by confirming that settlements for local authorities were in the process of being considered, though the position regarding these would not be fully known until specific grants were finalised.

249 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

The Monitoring Officer advised that the Local Government Information Unit had invited nominations from local authorities for the 2014 Annual Councillor Achievement Awards.

These aimed to recognise and reward those Councillors who go over and above what is expected of them, and who showed absolute dedication to their communities and made positive change happen to the lives of people they served.

There were 11 category awards, one of which came with a £10k bursary, and the Monitoring Officer concluded by confirming that the deadline for nominations was 31 December 2013.

250 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader announced that Members may already be aware that Mrs Enyd Lock died recently. Mrs Lock served her community for more than 50 years in a wide variety of roles, but especially as a member of Ogmores Valley Community Council. Her passing was a huge loss, and on behalf of Members, he expressed his deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

The Leader confirmed that it was fantastic to see how many people visited Festival recently in Bridgend town centre. He thought this year's event was the best yet, and understood that around 43,000 people took part over the course of the two days. The event was blessed with good weather and a carnival atmosphere, as people sampled the goods on offer and enjoyed the various demonstrations and family-friendly activities.

Festival was intended to draw people into the town centre and increase trade and footfall, and it was good to see the different ways in which many businesses took advantage of this opportunity.

The Leader thanked everyone who helped make this such a success, including the organisers who worked tirelessly to stage the event, street cleaners who worked throughout Festival and the stallholders and visitors as well who acted responsibly and were well-behaved at all times.

The Leader then confirmed that he was honoured to attend a number of events which had highlighted the wide range of sporting talent there was here in the Bridgend County Borough.

Our Active Young People team had marked the sporting legacy of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games with a special event to recognise people, projects and initiatives that are providing first-class sporting opportunities within our communities.

The event featured an inspirational exhibition about Olympic and Paralympic athletes and saw pupils from local schools receive awards under the Sports Leadership programme.

Active Schools awards were also presented to Nantyffyllon Primary, Maesteg Comprehensive and Heronsbridge for their outstanding sports activities, the Leader added.

In addition to this, the Council recently received the In-Sport Ribbon award for its efforts to improve sporting opportunities for disabled people, while the Halo Sport Foundation held an event to mark its efforts to help 66 aspiring athletes to achieve their dreams.

Bridgend County Borough had a proud tradition of producing top athletes and it was great he stated to see how we are building on the success of London 2012, so long may it continue.

The Leader then confirmed that it gave him great pleasure to present a plaque at Espack Eurologistica recently.

The company had used Local Investment Funding to introduce facilities at their premises on Bridgend Industrial Estate which has made it possible for them to continue to employ workers from the former Remploy factory.

Those staff are now a permanent and vital part of the workforce following a joint effort between the Company, the Council and the Department for Work and Pensions.

The Leader thought this was an excellent example of how a local business can work in partnership to ensure that its staff are fully integrated, and he congratulated everyone who had played a part in bringing this about

The Leader then announced that gardeners who had been making use of the green waste collection service will have their final collections for the year on 1 November. With around 1,500 households signed up to the fortnightly collections, nearly 200 tonnes of leaves, plants, flowers, weeds, grass and hedge clippings have been converted into compost fertiliser.

The Leader understood that the average home pruned, mowed and raked up around 7.5 tonnes of garden waste, the equivalent in weight to an elephant or five rugby teams.

During the winter months, green waste can be disposed of at one of our household recycling centres between 8.30am and 4.30pm, and more information was available on the Council website.

Finally, as those present were aware explained the Leader, the Council had been carrying out a lot of work to enhance and promote the role of elected Members in line with the Local Government Wales Measure.

He was happy to report that Sarah Titcombe from the WLGA was present in the Chamber today, to present the authority with a Good Practice and Innovation Award in respect of Member Support and Development .

The Authority were first Council in Wales to receive this, so this was excellent news. He therefore her to tell Members a little bit more about this, before asking her to make the presentation.

She advised that it was with great pleasure that she was presenting this award to the Member Services team of the Democratic Services Section, which was the first of its kind given to a local authority in Wales..

The award recognised the excellent work and innovation the Department had committed with regard to producing Members Annual Reports, the basis of which had been carried out last year. This had set a benchmark which other Councils were now following.

Sarah Titcombe then presented the award to the Mayor as Chairperson of Council.

251 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING QUESTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Question from Councillor E P Foley for the Cabinet Member - Communities:

“In light of the Welsh Government’s recent attempts to render blacklisting in public contracts illegal, would the Cabinet Member – Communities be reviewing Bridgend County Borough Council’s association with May Gurney, following their acquisition by a prominent blacklister, Kier Group”

Response from the Cabinet Member - Communities to the question from Councillor E P Foley

“The Council was advised during the summer that our existing waste management partner, May Gurney, had been bought out by the Kier Group. The Council’s contract with May Gurney still has over 3 years remaining.

The Kier Group buy out of May Gurney has no direct impact on that existing contract. The contracted service will remain unchanged and we are advised that the public should not notice any change in the nature of the service delivered, beyond in due course, a potential change in the branding and livery on some waste service vehicles.

With regard to the specific question for Council the Welsh Government has issued a Policy Advice Note on the issue of blacklisting and the Authority will have regard to that document whenever allegations of Blacklisting are made. In addition it is proposed that contracts issued by the Authority will have specific requirements in addition to those already drafted in respect of compliance with equality legislation”.

Supplementary question from Councillor E P Foley

“The Member asked the BCBC to obtain assurances that Kier Group had discontinued their previous practices, particularly in relation to matters of health and safety”

Response from the Leader

“The Leader advised that the Council had actively been involved in correspondence with the trade unions of GMB and Unite in relation to blacklisting. In a letter sent to Unite in the summer the Leader advised that it was confirmed to this trade union that BCBC was opposed to blacklisting of employees due to trade union membership. It was pointed out to them that the Authority had a good working relationship with its trade unions, and that all staff were encouraged to take a full role in trade union membership. Equally the Authority has taken active steps to ensure that private sector companies bidding for Council work, actively recruit and provide training within our electorate.”

252 MEMBER ROLE DESCRIPTION – ROTA VISITING OF SOCIAL CARE AND NURSING ESTABLISHMENTS

Council received a report from the Democratic Services Committee, the purpose of which, was to consider for adoption the role description for Elected Members undertaking rota visiting of social care and nursing establishments managed by both the Council and the independent sector as shown at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Regulatory Services and Monitoring Officer reminded Members that at its meeting on 1 May 2013, Council approved the adoption of the Member role descriptions listed in paragraph 3.1 of the report, while the role description for LA School Governors was approved by Members on 29 May 2013.

The draft role description for Elected Members undertaking Rota Visiting of Social Care and Nursing Establishments has been developed and was attached as an Appendix (1) to the report.

He confirmed that this had the approval of both the Democratic Services Committee and appropriate Officers.

The Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Regulatory Services and Monitoring Officer concluded his submission, by confirming that if Council determined to approve the adoption of this role description, Elected members undertaking rota visiting duties would be issued with the new role description and have their personalised Ward member Role Description updated to reflect this role.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the adoption of the role description for the Rota Visiting of Social Care and Nursing Establishments.

253 PROTOCOL FOR THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY ELECTED MEMBERS

The Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Regulatory Officer and Monitoring Officer presented a report on behalf of the Democratic Services Committee seeking approval of the Protocol for the use of Social Media by Elected Members as attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The report gave some background information, and confirmed that the Elected Members wishing to have access to social media from their official ICT accounts will be required to:

1. Sign and adhere to the Council's ICT Code of Conduct
2. Attend suitable Social Media training which identifies the implications and hazards of using social media
3. Request access permissions from the ICT department for the specific social media sites they wish to use. Access will be denied to sites that are considered a security risk to the BCBC Network.
4. All Elected Members who have been granted use the Council's internet access are required to accept this protocol.

The Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Regulatory Services and Monitoring Officer advised that a training event had been held for the use of social media, and that the WLGA were planning to repeat this on a regional basis including possibly within the Council Chamber of the Civic offices. Members would be advised further on this in due course.

The Democratic Services Committee had previously considered this topic, and indicated that it was a practical and common sense approach to provide access to social media for local Members, including the amendment to the protocol illustrated in paragraph 4.9 of the report.

RESOLVED: That Council agreed to adopt the draft Protocol for the use of Social Media by Elected Members attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

254 ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13

The Chief Executive submitted a report, the purpose of which was to obtain Council's approval for the Annual Report 2012-13, which consisted of Appendix A and Appendix B, attached to the report.

The report confirmed that in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and guidance from the Welsh Government, the Authority must publish its assessment of performance for the previous financial year before 31 October.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the Council's Corporate Plan 2010-13, reviewed and published in June 2012, set out nine improvement objectives. These were outlined in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

The Annual Report was prepared to meet the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the statutory guidance, Wales Programme for Improvement. Once approved, it will be published on the Council's website and shared with stakeholders. A summary of the report will be prepared that highlights for citizens key points in the Council's performance, in an engaging and accessible format.

The Annual Report provided:

- an assessment of the progress made in the 2012-13 financial year against the key priorities under each improvement objective developed for the period 2012-13;
- an overview of the Council's performance in 2012-13 against national performance indicators;
- an overview of the Council's financial performance in terms of the budget;
- examples of the Council's key collaborative arrangements for 2012-13;
- a summary of key consultation and engagement activities and citizen feedback in 2012-13;
- a summary of the regulator's findings; and
- a summary of the improvement objectives (improvement priorities the Council will take into 2013-14 and beyond).

Paragraph 4.3 of the report then outlined certain key points in the Council's performance from 2012-13.

The Chief Executive said that the Plan reflected some significant successes, such as:

- (i) Improvements to the highway network;
- (ii) Dealing effectively with an increase in numbers of Looked After Children (LAC);
- (iii) The Integrated family Support Service.
- (iv) Securing £4.9m in Efficiency savings.

The Chief Executive added that in terms of performance, the Authority reflected well under recognised national performance indicators, being in the top quartile in Wales.

He referred Members to page 75 of the Annual Report, where reference was made to grants totalling £103.9m, and emphasised that this figure was erroneous in that it included grants relating to housing benefits rather than grants specifically relating to services, and that therefore the true figure here should read in the region of just over £11.6m. This part of the document would be revisited before it was finalised he confirmed.

A Member referred to page 55 of the document and the Council's Strategy to reduce the number of children and young people not in education, employment or training (NEET). She felt that this issue should be more closely examined via the scrutiny process and/or by the Cabinet Member – Children and Young People, to ensure that there is a correlation between the Strategy and all different areas of the County Borough, particularly those locations where there is social or economic deprivation, to see if any pattern emerges whereby there are individuals in areas that need extra resource and support, rather than producing a "one size fits all" Strategy that accounts for equal support and benefits in all areas.

The Cabinet Member – Children and Young People advised that a considerable amount of work was being put into NEET and the local authority had employed a 'Keep in Touch' Officer that was working with NEET to provide increased and more flexible opportunities and support in terms of teaching and learning. Recommendations from Estyn reports would also be closely examined he added, in line with this work.

The Cabinet Member – Children and Young People further added that an Action Plan would support the Strategy, though local authorities across the UK were in a similar position to the Council due to the recession, with there being a total of over a million young people not in work or receiving training currently due to the present economic climate.

The Interim Corporate Director – Children also added that in terms of percentages, only 4 year eleven students left school last summer with no qualifications all of which were provided with extra support under NEET. She further added that the NEET Strategy would be subject to review.

A Member referred to page 14 of the Annual Report where reference was made to 84% of food establishments being broadly compliant with food hygiene standards in 2012-13, and asked if this was an acceptable terminology.

The Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Regulatory Services and Monitoring Officer explained that broadly compliant was a technical term which reflected an acceptable standard in terms of hygiene that did not give rise to any concerns.

In relation to page 42 of the Annual Report, a Member noted the changes proposed to the library provision, and stressed the importance of mobile libraries in the face of any proposed reduction to reduce static libraries.

The Interim Corporate Director – Communities advised that there was no cause for any immediate concern with regard to the provision of the mobile service, as the value of these in smaller and more outreaching areas of the County Borough was acknowledged. However, due the financial restraints the Authority were facing, this like other services was the subject of ongoing review.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the Annual Report 2012-13 (Appendices A and B to the report)

255 AMMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report, requesting approval from Council to approve the amendment of the Constitution to reflect the extension of functions of the Democratic Services Committee made by the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

Section 60 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 came into force on 1st October 2013 and extends the functions of the Democratic Services Committee. The Committee may now, at the request of the Authority, review any matter relevant to:

- (a) the support and advice available to Members of the Authority, and
- (b) the terms and conditions of office of those Members

The Committee must make reports and recommendations to the Authority following a review and it will be for the Committee to determine how to exercise its functions under this section.

It was therefore proposed, in light of the above that the additional functions set out in italics and underlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report, be inserted into the Responsibility of Functions of the Democratic Services Committee in Part 3 of the Constitution.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the amendment of the Constitution, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

256 APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Monitoring Officer presented a report, that sought Council's approval of the appointment of the following Registered Representatives to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for a maximum term of four years:

- a) Mr Tim Cahalane has been nominated as the Registered Representative from the Roman Catholic Church to sit on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- b) Rev. Canon Evans has been nominated for re-appointment as a Registered Representative from the Church in Wales to sit on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that Father Bill Isaac had completed a term of office as the representative from the Roman Catholic Church, and that Mr Tim Cahalane had now been nominated by the Archdiocese of Cardiff to serve on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Reverend Canon Evans had also completed a term of office as the representative from the Church of Wales, and had been nominated for re-appointment to serve a further term on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been informed of these nominations and had recommended them to Council for appointment.

RESOLVED: That Council noted the report and approved the appointments of the following individuals to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee each for a term of 4 years.

- (i) Mr Tim Cahalane as the Roman Catholic Registered Representative.

(ii) Reverend Canon Evans as the Church of Wales Registered Representative

257 INFORMATION REPORT FOR NOTING

The Monitoring Officer presented a report to inform Council of any information reports for noting since its last ordinary meeting.

RESOLVED: That Council noted the publication of the documents (i.e. reports) contained in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm