

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2016 AT 3.00 PM**

Present

Councillor RE Young – Chairperson

M Butcher	N Clarke	HJ David	G Davies
GW Davies MBE	PA Davies	E Dodd	DK Edwards
EP Foley	CA Green	M Gregory	EM Hughes
CJ James	P James	RM James	RD Jenkins
PN John	B Jones	CL Jones	M Jones
RC Jones	DRW Lewis	JE Lewis	JR McCarthy
HE Morgan	LC Morgan	MEJ Nott OBE	AD Owen
D Patel	G Phillips	DR Pugh	CL Reeves
M Reeves	CE Smith	JC Spanswick	G Thomas
M Thomas	RL Thomas	JH Tildesley MBE	HJ Townsend
KJ Watts	C Westwood	DBF White	HM Williams
R Williams			

Officers:

Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Andrew Jolley	Corporate Director Operational & Partnership Services
Deborah McMillan	Corporate Director Education & Family Support
Darren Mephram	Chief Executive
Satwant Pryce	Head of Regeneration and Planning
Andrew Rees	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

602. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Members:-

Councillor D Pugh  
Councillor E Venables  
Councillor N Farr  
Councillor PJ White  
Councillor D Sage  
Councillor M Winter

603. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Officers declared an interest in Agenda item 6 as they were directly affected by the report's proposals, and they left the meeting whilst this report was being discussed:-

Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing  
Corporate Director, Education and Transformation  
Head of Regeneration and Development

Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Regulatory Services

604. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of Council dated 10 March 2016, be approved as a true and accurate record.

605. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM:

**Mayor**

The Mayor confirmed that he had the pleasure of hosting the annual Mayor's citizenship awards in March where he presented 24 awards to a diverse range of both individuals and groups. It was heartening to hear about the good work that was happening in our community encompassing all age groups and areas of the Borough. He had already visited two of the winners to witness first hand what they do and was planning to visit as many as possible before the end of his Mayoral term. He thanked all those who had submitted nominations for the awards.

On a more sober note, after the tragic events in Belgium on the 22 March, the Mayor confirmed that he had written to the Belgium Ambassador in his capacity as Mayor, to express on behalf of everyone across the County Borough of Bridgend, our collective and sincere sympathy on the dreadful events that had taken place there. He had received a letter of reply which thanks the citizens of Bridgend warmly for their expression of solidarity and appreciation of our continued support. He would arrange for a copy of this to be placed in the Members' room for anyone who wishes to read the full response.

Continuing with his theme of faith, The Mayor Advised that he and his Consort had attended a Passover interfaith event at Cardiff United Synagogue. It was very interesting to have the opportunity to learn about this important annual Jewish festival, its history, religious significance and its position in the Jewish way of life. He had also been invited to attend a multi-faith event at Tondu Mosque next week, and looked forward to meeting with representatives of the different faiths.

The Mayor announced that he wished to invite those present to his last two big charity events. The Mayor's Annual Charity Gala would this year take place in the Heronston Best Western Hotel on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Master of Ceremonies is Lee Jukes and there will be entertainment and dancing from the Phil Dando Band. The Charity Golf Tournament at the beginning of May would be hosted at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club. This was an 18 hole event with team prizes and an evening meal. Tickets and further information for both can be obtained from Mari Major or Councillor Marlene Thomas the Mayor concluded.

**Deputy Leader**

The Deputy Leader stated that Members may have seen recent news reports from Scotland where 17 schools built under the Public Finance Initiative had to be evacuated after severe structural defects were detected.

All of the affected schools had been built by the same company. As our own Maesteg Comprehensive is a PFI school, we have checked with our PFI provider, Amber Infrastructure, and he was happy to confirm that they have reassured the Authority that it

was not constructed by the same company. He hoped this re-assured Members. Amber Infrastructure would be writing to all local authorities to confirm this very soon.

The new home for Ysgol Bryn Castell and The Bridge Alternative Provision was officially opened recently at the site of the former Ogmores Comprehensive School. The old school had been completely remodelled and transformed to create the new 'Bryncethin Campus', which supports children aged up to 19-years-old who have emotional, behavioural and social difficulties, and could not be educated in their mainstream local schools. This was the latest project to be delivered through the Council's ongoing 21<sup>st</sup> Century school modernisation programme, and the Bryncethin Campus represented a different sort of achievement, in that we have taken a former comprehensive school and have completely remodelled it. As well as enabling us to provide valuable places at key stages two, three and four, it offers further additional capacity for our post-16 provision, and provided a first-rate facility for pupils who would have formerly attended the old PRU at Aberkenfig, and YBC at Cefn Glas, which he thought it was fair to say, were tired and no longer fit for purpose. As these vulnerable pupils live all throughout the County Borough, the site is also conveniently central, easily accessible and has room to spare for housing all of the support services necessary for giving children the very best start in life. The Deputy Leader confirmed that he wished to offer his sincere thanks to everyone who had played a part in helping to deliver the Bryncethin Campus, from the project team who put it together to the teachers and pupils themselves, especially the pupils who took part in the ceremony, and to hear them speak about the progress they have made. Their contributions were both moving and inspirational he concluded.

### **Cabinet Member Communities**

The Cabinet Member Communities announced that he was sure that Members are familiar with Newbridge Fields. With its prominent location, sports facilities, green open space and scenic river route, it was one of the County Borough's most popular spots for people to visit and enjoy.

He confirmed that the Council had recently carried out some work to install a new tarmac footpath so that even more people will be able to access the fields.

The path has been designed for people with limited mobility and wheelchair users. It means that the existing path running from Bridgend Life Centre to the cricket pavilion has been extended further so that it joins up with the lane that runs from Bowham Avenue to the fields.

This was one of the suggestions that the Council received during last year's 'Shaping Bridgend's Future' consultation and he was really pleased that we had been able to implement it.

The new path will also be of benefit for dog walkers and other users during wet weather he added.

In addition to this, the Council was also improving access at other green spaces around the County Borough, including Maesteg Welfare Park, Tremains Wood and Craig Y Parcau, as well as Wilderness Lake in Porthcawl, which we have carried out in partnership with Porthcawl Town Council.

He also wished to inform Council, that during 2015/16 Bridgend County Borough Council was successful in securing more than £4.4m of Social Housing Grant from the Welsh Government.

This figure represented nearly three times the amount of £1.5m that was originally allocated to the Council, and would allow the development of over 70 units of new affordable accommodation in the County Borough. He looked forward to bringing Members more news on this as it developed further.

### **Cabinet Member Children's Social Services and Equalities**

The Cabinet Member Children's Social Services and Equalities confirmed that the announcements below also included those of the Cabinet Member Adult Social Care and Health and Wellbeing, as he had given apologies for absence for today's meeting.

The way in which vulnerable people receive care and support changed earlier this month with the launch of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act. Designed to give people a greater say in how their care and support is assessed and delivered by local providers, the Act was radically transforming the way in which sustainable services meet the needs of individuals.

She added that It focused on earlier intervention, increasing preventative services within the community and helping people to maintain their independence. As well as providing a framework that enables people to get the help they need before their situation becomes critical, it also helps to deliver improved outcomes by promoting greater integration between health and social care services.

This was a landmark development in social care and wellbeing as it gives people a stronger voice and real control over the support they need to remove barriers to their wellbeing.

The Cabinet Member Children's Social Services and Equalities advised that people who are already receiving care and support will take part in the new process on their next scheduled review date, and it will be automatically applied to all new applications. In the meantime, a website has been set up at [www.gov.wales/careandsupport](http://www.gov.wales/careandsupport) which offers full details about the new Act and what impact it will have on carers, young carers, children and young people, older residents and disabled people.

She then confirmed that plans were underway to develop two new Extra Care schemes at the former comprehensive school sites of Maesteg Lower and Archbishop McGrath in Ynysawdre. In partnership with Linc Cymru Housing Association, the project would create a total of 45 new Extra Care units with 20 located at Maesteg and 25 at Ynysawdre. The schemes had been developed as part of the Council's ongoing plans for modernising residential care services, and would offer a residential care option to our existing residents for as long as required.

The Cabinet Member Children's Social Services pointed out that people in Bridgend County Borough want alternatives to traditional residential care, and we also want to create more sustainable care models to respond to projected increases in demand for care services.

Extra Care remains the future of care throughout the UK, and she assured that work with staff, service users and their families would continue, in order to ensure a smooth transition into the new facilities once they have been completed.

A Member thanked the Cabinet and the Corporate Director Resources for the recent adaptations that had been undertaken in respect of widening the doors and providing door control opening devices on Level 1 to and from the Council Suite and the Members lounge, which assisted greatly individuals with a disability.

### **Cabinet Member Resources**

The Cabinet Member Resources advised Members that the next pre-Council presentation will now take place in June and is scheduled to be on the subject of the Central South Consortium.

On 25<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a further member development session on Carbon Reduction. He encouraged as many elected Members as possible to attend this session, as it would focus on the Council's Energy and Carbon Management Plan and its key priorities and strategies.

The plan contributes towards the Climate Change section of the Welsh Government Environment (Wales) Bill, positioning Wales as a low carbon, green economy.

Finally, Members will by now have received their annual related party transactions form in their pigeon hole plus guidance on its completion.

He asked Members if these could be completed and returned to the Officer indicated by the 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Cabinet Member Regeneration and Economic Development**

The Cabinet Member Regeneration and Economic Development, confirmed that the County Borough would host a prestigious sports event between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April with the arrival of the Welsh leg of the British Longboard Surf Competition. This UK wide event attracts the top longboard surfers who battle it out over a series of five events staged throughout the year at venues such as Rest Bay, Newquay, Woolacombe, Perenporth and Jersey. The Council had worked with Porthcawl Surf School to help deliver this locally, and you could expect to see the likes of Ben Skinner, currently ranked third-best in the world, past European champion Elliot Dudley and the current British number two, Sam Bleakley, all competing in Porthcawl. The event was being used as a training platform for Welsh Surf judges and will coincide with a super beach clean-up by the likes of Keep Wales Tidy, the Marine Conservation Society and the SAS – Surfers Against Sewage. He hoped Members would agree that this is something of a coup and he looked forward to the event's success.

Work had also started on the new 4KM cycle route that was being created along Porthcawl seafront to ensure that it is ready in time for the summer holidays.

The route will incorporate a number of improvements so that users can continue to cycle from Rest Bay and Mallard Way all the way down to Trecco Bay.

Work had started on West Drive, and the scheme will improve conditions for cyclists and walkers by widening footways, installing new kerbs and signage, improving drainage, and will also involve some resurfacing.

The route was being used to encourage active travel to and from work or school as well as for leisure purposes, and will feature convenient bike racks as well as facilities where bikes can be hired in a fashion similar to the famous 'Boris Bikes' system in London. The project was being delivered with the Bridgend Tourism Association and funding had been awarded from the Coastal Communities Fund for the work, so he was delighted to see things 'moving up a gear'.

Finally, the Cabinet Member Regeneration and Economic Development thanked Hugh Murray, proprietor of Porthcawl Surf School and Director of Bridgend Tourist Association for his part in promoting the provision of 2 new replica surfer benches along the

Esplanade, Porthcawl. He felt that these had been uniquely designed in that one of these was facing the coast and the other was facing inland (the selfy bench).

A Member confirmed that he was delighted with the provision of the cycle track as mentioned above, as was the Porthcawl Town Council he added.

### **Chief Executive**

The Chief Executive announced that preparations for next month's Welsh Assembly, Ogmore Parliamentary and Police and Crime Commissioner elections were underway. As local people will be asked to complete up to four ballot papers depending on where they live, it is important that residents familiarise themselves with what to expect, as this was somewhat complicated due to there being two Elections.

To help keep local people informed, BCBC are issuing regular messages and updates to the media, via its website and through social media also. A prominent part of this, incorporated a series of short promotional films that were being made in-house, to coincide with key developments in the electoral process.

The first of these short films had already been completed and issued, and focused on the issuing of poll cards to local households. There will be another shortly which would explain how to complete and submit postal votes. A third film was also being planned, to look at what people can expect to find at polling stations on election day.

As Members knew, there were a couple of important dates that people should be aware of. The deadline for voter registration was Monday 18 April, while the deadline for submitting a postal vote application form is Tuesday 19 April. The deadline to apply to vote by proxy is Tuesday 26 April.

Further details could be found on the 'Elections' pages at [www.bridgend.gov.uk](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk) along with some short films, which will also be hosted at You Tube and shared via Facebook and Twitter.

Our website also features full details of all candidates as well as information about the election for a Police and Crime Commissioner, so he hoped that Members would encourage their constituents to visit the site and find out more.

The Chief Executive also wished to update Members on the Cardiff Capital Region Deal. The signing of the heads of terms agreement on 15<sup>th</sup> March marked the end of the first phase of work, and it was worth noting that due to the efforts of all concerned, we managed to get to the end of this phase quicker than has been achieved in any city deal across the UK.

The heads of terms agreement set out the partnership between the 10 Councils, UK Government and Welsh Government.

The UK and Welsh Government were each contributing £500 million to the fund, and the 10 local authorities will contribute £120m over the 20 year period of the fund. In addition, over £100m from the European Regional Development Fund has been committed to delivering the City Deal.

The Cardiff Capital Region believes that investments in these areas will deliver up to 25,000 new jobs and bring forward at least £4 billion of additional investment from local partners and the private sector by 2036.

Given the importance of the Metro to the UK Government, Welsh Government and Cardiff Capital Region, a proportion of the Investment Fund will be pre-allocated to the delivery of this scheme.

The heads of terms also sets out how we intend to explore issues such as the devolution of business rate income above an agreed growth baseline in order to provide funding for the City Deal programme, providing an ability to levy an infrastructure supplement, creating an option for local authorities to use alternative finance sources, and removing conditions set around some specific Welsh Government grants that will allow funding to be pooled at a regional level in areas such as school support or interventions that seek to address poverty.

With Phase One being concluded with the reaching a heads of terms agreement with both governments, now Phase Two is expected to run to the end of this calendar year and will involve concluding the detailed negotiations, establishing various governance arrangements and identifying and selecting projects. Phase Three is the delivery phase, and assuming that all parties agree the final terms of the deal as worked through in Phase Two, this is expected to begin in early 2017.

Our immediate priorities are to put a full-time dedicated team in place, ideally seconded from within the 10 authorities, and to develop proposals for a shadow Cabinet, an economic growth partnership, a regional transport authority, a regional business organisation and a growth and competitiveness commission.

The Chief Executive concluded his submission by stating that he would share with Members, further news on the City Deal as it developed.

606. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE LEADER

The Leader informed Members that he had once again written as Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council to Prime Minister David Cameron urging the Government to take swift action over the UK steel crisis.

This was the third time he had written to the Prime Minister asking him to ensure the Government acts quickly and decisively in response to the on-going crisis within the UK steel industry.

It follows both the recent announcement about how Tata Steel is planning to sell off its UK interests, and the cross-party support expressed here at the Council for a national charter on the production of sustainable British steel.

Should we lose this industry, the effects will be felt and borne not just by those who are closest to it now, but by future generations and for decades to come, the Leader added.

Research undertaken by the Cardiff Business School shows the total economic impact of Tata Steel in Wales is £3.2bn. Inter-regional export revenues amount to more than £2bn, and more than 10,000 full time equivalent jobs are supported off-site in the Tata supply chain, many of them via small-to-medium sized enterprises. More than 6,500 people are currently employed in the steel industry across Wales, and of the 3,500 who work at the Port Talbot plant, just under 600 were residents of Bridgend County Borough.

The Leader emphasised, that unless urgent action was taken on a national scale, communities throughout the UK will be feeling the impact of this crisis for years to come.

Therefore, he was sure that Members would agree that this issue must be brought to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion.

On a brighter note, the Leader advised that an iconic Porthcawl building had been brought back into use as we have transferred the Old Pilot Lookout Tower over to the National Coastwatch Institution, and they will be starting weekend watches this summer. It will be manned by trained NCI volunteers who will help spot danger on and offshore that amateur sailors and fishermen can stay safe.

The project had been made possible with Heritage Lottery Funding and contributions from the Council and Cadw, and the Grade II listed tower had been restored to its former glory through the Porthcawl Townscape Heritage Initiative. The Leader confirmed that he was delighted that the building was enjoying a new lease of life. Its restoration complements the exciting work planned for the nearby Jennings Building and Customs House, and was another important step forward in Porthcawl's overall regeneration.

607. JNC OFFICER STRUCTURE AND APPOINTMENT OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

The Chief Executive presented a report, that sought approval for the following:

- The deletion of the role of the Corporate Director Resources
- The replacement of the current role of Assistant Chief Executive LARS with a new role of Corporate Director of Operational and Partnership Services (and not Operational Services and Partnerships as was outlined in the report)
- Re-designation of the Corporate Director Education and Transformation as Corporate Director Education and Family Support
- The appointment of the Head of Finance and ICT as the Council's Section 151 Officer

He confirmed that as Members were probably aware, the Corporate Director Resources was soon to leave the Authority and this had allowed him together with support from the Corporate Management Board (CMB), to look at the JNC Officer restructure to include the appointment of a Section 151 Officer.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the proposals of his report would assist in driving forward the Council's Corporate Plan 2016-20, by providing increased support to the Plan's Corporate themes, which were to support a successful economy, help people to be more self-reliant, and in particular, make smarter use of Council resources. The report's recommendations if adopted, would allow for a planned recurring saving of £127k to be achieved with immediate effect under the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

He referred to the background to the report, and advised that the resignation of the Corporate Director Resources provided an opportunity to re-allocate the functions of this post between other Directorates and to make adjustments to roles and designations of Corporate Directors, that would include also a re-alignment in terms of the responsibility for certain key service areas.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the Corporate Director Education and Transformation had now defined and established the Council's transformation programme. Therefore, there was a need to re-designate this role to more clearly reflect the current position and status of the transformation programme.



He went on to state, that the re-allocation of functions of the Corporate Director Resources could be accommodated amongst the remaining members of CMB, thus allowing this post to be deleted. The Chief Executive added however, that additional duties to be allocated to the current Assistant Chief Executive LARS, meant that the portfolio of this position would increase to a scale and complexity consistent with that of a Corporate Director. This was in light of the fact that this post holder would have increased line management responsibility for Housing and Homelessness, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Human Resources and Organisational Development, Customer Service and Communications and Marketing and Project Management, in addition to his existing responsibilities. It was therefore considered that this post be re-designated Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services to reflect responsibility of these extra Departments and service areas. This would mean that CMB would decrease in number from 6 to 5 Officers.

The Chief Executive continued by advising that there would be no change to the role of the Corporate Directors Social Services and Wellbeing and Communities, but it was proposed that the Director of Education and Transformation be re-designated Director Education and Family Support. There would be some re-alignment of responsibility associated with the role, but this would not necessitate any change to the posts grade/salary.

Finally, confirmed the Chief Executive, the current Head of Finance and ICT would assume the role of Section 151 Officer, which was a large role of the Corporate Director Resources, though the new post would not include responsibility for ICT. The Section 151 Officer would be included as part of CMB in order to report regularly of the financial affairs of the Authority, though this post would still remain a Head of Service and not be classed as Directorship level.

The post of Section 151 Officer was a requirement within local authority, and this post holder would report directly to the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive added that both the Council's External and Internal Auditor's confirmed that that were supportive of the Council's proposal in respect of the new role of Section 151 Officer.

He further added that the proposals if adopted, would be revisited in 6 months time, in order to see how the restructure was progressing, particularly as by then, further information should be available regarding the re-organisation of local government in Wales, and who the Authority would align with should such proposals transpire.

A Member noted that the grade, designation and portfolio for the post of Assistant Chief Executive LARS had changed and increased so that it was now more expansive than previously was the case. In order to reflect best practise and for reasons of openness, transparency and to seem to be accountable, she asked the Chief Executive if this new position, for these reasons, should have been advertised including externally, as it was in effect a new post.

She also felt that the service area of housing and homelessness would be more in-keeping under the Corporate Director responsible for Family Support, rather than under the new post of Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services.

Finally, she asked what the added responsibilities were in respect of the new role of Corporate Director Education and Family Support.

The Chief Executive confirmed that advice had been sought off the Human Resources Department in relation to the new post of Corporate Director Operational and

Partnership Services, and following such advice the course of action outlined in the report had been followed. The reasons for this, were that even though this was a new post it replaced an existing post at JNC level, and that the alternatives were to either ring fence the post for persons at that level within the Authority to apply for, or to advertise this new post. The former proposal would have probably resulted in the same outcome as that recommended in the report, and if it had not, the Council would have been faced with significant costs in terms of the post being taken off the establishment, which would have in turn led to a case of redundancy with added early retirement costs. The Council would still then have to recruit to the new replacement post. This course of action would have not achieved the recurring saving outlined in the report, and the cost of advertising the post externally would have also resulted in an additional cost to the Authority.

The Chief Executive added that with Managers at JNC and Head of Service level, there was an expectancy that they were equipped with the necessary skills to take on more expansive roles and added service areas, and also accustomed to this as and when it was considered necessary, in order to make changes to directorship responsibilities, and at the same time achieve savings.

With regard to the Members second question, the Chief Executive advised that the area of housing and homelessness interacted with a considerable number of service areas of the Council, and not just Family Support, and he gave an example of these for the benefit of all Members.

He added that the changes proposed would affect all Directorates to some degree or another, but they would also result in them having a stronger blend of service-specific and corporate-lead responsibilities. The changes recommended were also primarily intended to support BCBC's emphasis in the Corporate Plan on working as 'One Council'.

The Chief Executive further added that the revised proposals would also result in every Directorate being directly responsible for a front line service.

He confirmed that the main area of added responsibility for the post re-designated Corporate Director Education and Family Support, would be that of Architectural, Technical and Building Services, Corporate Energy and Corporate Health and Safety. The reasoning behind this change, was that 80% of the work of the Building Maintenance team related to schools, and due to this, it was felt that the Director should have more direct responsibility for these Sections amongst others in her Directorate.

Finally, the Chief Executive advised that there was nothing out of the ordinary attached to the proposals, particularly when an opportunity for savings could be made. He had to bring the report to Council as only Council had the Authority to amend key documents such as the Constitution, and amendments would be required to be made to this as a result of the changes.

A Member asked if the changes would impact in any way on the role of Overview and Scrutiny within the Authority.

The Chief Executive confirmed that they may, though further consideration would be given to this following the changes settling-in, during the 6 month initial trial period.

**RESOLVED:** That Council:

- Deleted the post of Corporate Director Resources
- Deleted the post of Assistant Chief Executive and replaced this with the post of Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services

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- Re-designated the Corporate Director Education and Transformation as the Corporate Director Education and Family Support
- Re-designated the Head of Finance and ICT as Head of Finance, and appoints the post holder to the role of S151 Officer with effect from 15 April 2016.

**608. AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION AND MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Monitoring Officer presented a report that advised Council of the undermentioned statutory instruments which came into force on 1 April 2016:

- The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016
- The Local Government (Standards Committees, Investigations, Dispensations and Referral) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

The Monitoring Officer advised that a similar report to this item had been placed before the Standards Committee at its last meeting, where Members asked that he writes to all County Borough Town and Community Councils to invite them to refresher training on the Model Code of Conduct and that he would also make this available to Members. He added that if there was an interest, he would also undertake training for the Clerks of Town/Community Councils of a more general nature, ie an Introduction to Local Government and how it functions.

In respect of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016, the Order amends the Model Code of Conduct for local government Members, set out in the schedule to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008, and details regarding the changes in respect of this totalling four, were shown in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

In terms of The Local Government (Standards Committees, Investigations, Dispensations and Referral (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, the Regulations amended the three statutory instruments below:-

- (a) The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001;1
- (b) The Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001, and;
- (c) Local Authorities (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Details of the amendments to the afore mentioned statutory instruments were contained in paragraphs 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of the report, respectively, and the Monitoring Officer expanded upon all the changes shown in the report in respect of the above, for the benefit of Members.

He advised that in accordance with Section 51 of the 2000 Act, all relevant authorities must within six months of the date the Local Authorities (Model of Code Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 was made, adopt a revised Code of Conduct.

The text of the amended Model Code of Conduct was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

**RESOLVED:**            That Council:

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- (1) Approved adoption of the revised Model Code of Conduct attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Approved amendment of the Constitution to include the revised Code.

609. URGENT ITEMS

None

The meeting closed at 4.15 pm