

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017 AT 2.00 PM

Present

Councillor – Chairperson

SE Baldwin	TH Beedle	JPD Blundell	NA Burnett
MC Clarke	N Clarke	RJ Collins	HJ David
P Davies	PA Davies	SK Dendy	DK Edwards
J Gebbie	T Giffard	RM Granville	CA Green
DG Howells	RM James	B Jones	M Jones
MJ Kearn	DRW Lewis	JE Lewis	JR McCarthy
DG Owen	D Patel	RL Penhale-Thomas	AA Pucella
JC Radcliffe	KL Rowlands	B Sedgebeer	RMI Shaw
CE Smith	SG Smith	JC Spanswick	RME Stirman
G Thomas	T Thomas	JH Tildesley MBE	E Venables
SR Vidal	MC Voisey	LM Walters	CA Webster
DBF White	PJ White	A Williams	AJ Williams
HM Williams	RE Young		

Apologies for Absence

S Aspey, A Hussain, KJ Watts and JE Williams

Officers:

Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Julie Ellams	Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Randal Hemingway	Head of Finance & Section 151 Officer
Andrew Jolley	Corporate Director Operational & Partnership Services
Gary Jones	Head of Democratic Services
Darren Mepham	Chief Executive

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Council of 29 March 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record subject to the correction to "late wife" in the 9th paragraph of the Mayor's announcements relating to the news that Councillor David Sage had passed away.

3. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR RD JENKINS.

The Mayor announced that this time last year he was honoured to be elected Mayor and the year had passed quickly. It was also his last year as an elected member so it was doubly special.

The Mayor announced that he and his Consort had had a wonderful time and were both grateful for the fantastic opportunities to represent the County Borough. The numerous events that they had attended were both interesting and varied and allowed them to meet some truly inspirational individuals and organisations and hopefully made some lifelong friends.

The Mayor thanked his wife Teresa who had supported him both as Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He was sure that at times he had taxed her patience but without her input and organisation he would have been lost and he could not have done it without her.

The Mayor also thanked his friends, colleagues and community for their encouragement and support, his charity committee members for their hard work and ongoing dedication towards fundraising on behalf of his chosen charities. It had been his pleasure not only to host but to meet all the people who had volunteered and attended these events thereby contributing towards the total which would be announced at a later date.

At his Inauguration he announced that community and youth would be the themes of his Mayoralty and he was pleased to say that he had plenty of opportunity to meet individuals and organisations who did so much good within the County Borough.

The Mayor announced that it had been a privilege and an honour to represent the County Borough as Mayor and one that neither of them would forget for a long time. Once again he thanked everyone for their support.

The Leader of the Labour Group took the opportunity to say thank you to the Mayor for his outstanding public service to the County Borough and the Garw Valley, for nearly 40 years. His role as Mayor was the culmination of that service. The Mayor's burning passion and total commitment to helping people and his humour and warmth had earned him respect and friendship across the Chamber and communities. The Mayor was of course, one half of the incredible Jenkins team so his appreciation also extended to Teresa, his wife who was always with him. The Leader of the Labour Group wished the couple every happiness in retirement as it was very well deserved.

4. TO ELECT THE MAYOR AND THE MAYOR (ELECT) TO ANNOUNCE THEIR CONSORT/ESCORT.

A motion was received which was duly seconded and carried unanimously, that Councillor P Davies be appointed Mayor for 2017/18.

RESOLVED: That Councillor P Davies be elected as Mayor for the Year 2017/18.

Councillor Davies announced that her Consort for the ensuing year would be her husband, Mr Tudor Davies.

Councillor Davies took the Chair in place of Councillor Jenkins.

5. TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY MAYOR AND THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ELECT) TO ANNOUNCE THEIR CONSORT/ESCORT.

A motion was received which was duly seconded and carried unanimously, that Councillor J McCarthy be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.

RESOLVED: That Councillor J McCarthy be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Year 2017/18.

Councillor McCarthy announced that his Consort for the ensuing year would be his wife, Mrs Judy McCarthy.

6. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR.

The newly elected Mayor announced that she was honoured to have been nominated and elected to the role of County Borough Mayor for the coming year and she was looking forward to a busy but rewarding twelve months ahead. She thanked her husband Tudor for agreeing to be her mayoral consort.

The Mayor was keen to promote and fundraise for a number of local charities which she would confirm at a later date. The Mayor hoped that Councillors would join her at some of the events and help to raise as much money as possible for the worthwhile causes and continued support would be very much appreciated.

On behalf of her fellow members of the Council, the Mayor thanked the retiring Mayor and Mayoress for the dedication and commitment that they had given to the Council and people of Bridgend County Borough. They had been fantastic ambassadors for Bridgend and were wished all the luck in the future.

7. THE MAYOR TO ANNOUNCE THE YOUTH MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR:

The Mayor announced that Niamh Gwilym would be the Youth Mayor for 2017/18.

The Mayor announced that Leigh Williams would be the Deputy Youth Mayor for 2017/18.

8. TO ELECT THE LEADER OF BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A motion was received which was duly seconded and carried unanimously that Councillor Huw David be elected as Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council for 2017/18.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Huw David be elected Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council for the ensuing year.

9. TO AGREE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE CABINET

The Leader announced that Cabinet for the year 2017/18 would comprise of himself and the following 5 members (one previous post on the Executive not allocated):-

Councillor H J David
Councillor H Williams
Councillor D Patel
Councillor R Young
Councillor P White
Councillor C Smith

10. THE LEADER MAY ANNOUNCE THE DEPUTY LEADER OF BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL FROM THOSE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE CABINET AND MAY ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS TO PORTFOLIOS.

The Leader announced that the Deputy Leader for the year 2017/18 would be Councillor H Williams and that the appointment of Cabinet Members to the under-mentioned portfolios, would be as follows:-

Councillor H Williams - Deputy Leader.
Councillor D Patel - Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations
Councillor R Young - Cabinet Member for Communities
Councillor P White – Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help
Councillor C Smith – Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration

11. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE LEADER.

The Leader congratulated the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Davies and Cllr McCarthy and the Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor and said that they made a first class team.

The Leader thanked colleagues for returning him as Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council. It was of course a huge privilege but also a great responsibility, especially in consideration of the significant ongoing challenges that lay ahead.

He would continue to give this role his full attention and focus to provide leadership which was, to coin a phrase that seemed to be very popular at the moment, 'strong and stable'.

As part of this, it was important to acknowledge changes in the Council's landscape and make-up that the authority had experienced over the last few weeks. Some of those gathered today had served as elected members for a number of years. Others were returning to the role after a period spent out of office, while several were experiencing it for the very first time. This change at a time when the most recent performance indicators from the Welsh Government and the Local Government Data Unit had highlighted that Bridgend County Borough Council had achieved the second highest number of improvements in Wales. Performance improved across 70 per cent of national indicators when set against a national average of 65 per cent, and when measured against other authorities, 24 of 40 comparable indicators were in the top two quarters. The highest ranking indicators included supporting older people to remain independent, ensuring pupil attendance within secondary schools, and reducing delays in the transfer of care. Many of these were maintained at a maximum level of one hundred per cent.

BCBC also performed well in areas such as planning and regulatory services, reducing the number of 15 year olds who had no qualifications, encouraging people to use local sport and leisure centres, ensuring that food establishments were compliant with relevant safety legislation, and many more besides.

This had all been achieved at a time when the Council had been forced to find multi-million pound savings in the face of ongoing austerity. The way in which the authority provided essential frontline services had fundamentally changed. Bridgend County Borough Council was continuing to make significant progress as it developed into a leaner, more efficient organisation, and these figures helped demonstrate this. It had been a far from easy process and one that didn't draw a great deal of recognition.

Rightly or wrongly, people were more likely to react to a reduction in how often grass was cut than they were to a policy on how young people were helped to leave care with improved prospects for finding a home and a career. Nobody entered local politics expecting to have to cut services or close down facilities, but when that became necessary, the brunt of people's anger had to be dealt with.

The Leader said that he believed in many ways weighing people's expectations against the reality of what needed to be done could be a councillor's singularly most frustrating experience. That was usually when the return of popular misconceptions was seen, such

as the belief that council tax funded all services instead of accounting for a small portion of overall budget, or that members set their own allowances instead of being subject to the decisions of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Such myths only served to obscure the truth during periods when tough decisions needed to be made and the authority should be under no illusions that the next few years would require some very tough decisions indeed.

The Leader asked why councillors did it. He believed it was because no matter what the political differences might be, what united councillors was that they all wanted what they thought was best for the communities and people that they represented. No matter what circumstances they had to work within, they still wanted the best outcome possible for the people who voted for them to act on their behalf.

It was going to be a challenge, the forecast for local government funding continued to look pretty bleak, and no significant influx of fresh money was anticipated in fact year on year cuts, so it would be important to manage unrealistic expectations now more than ever. As elected members, there was a duty to come together as a single authority to find a way through these challenges, and ensure that essential services could continue to be provided.

The Medium Term Financial Strategy, Corporate Plan and Change Programme were all in place to help achieve this, and sound financial and asset management arrangements to help deliver further multi-million pound savings.

He asked all members to be fully engaged in supporting the development of visions and options for change, and to help drive improvement in key service areas. Despite the difficulties that would be faced, it was important to remain ambitious for the county borough, and to continue to work in partnership on the delivery of key improvements and projects.

In his role as Leader, he was of course ably backed by his Cabinet colleagues. He was grateful for their unwavering support, and acknowledged their dedication and commitment.

There will be some changes to the Cabinet structure for the year ahead he added.

The Leader asked Councillor Dhanisha Patel to serve as the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations, while Councillor Richard Young would take on the role of Cabinet Member for Communities.

He was sure that Councillors Patel and Young would both make a very valuable contribution to the Cabinet, and help support the strategic leadership of the authority. With their experience Councillor Phil White would continue to be responsible for Social Services and Early Help, Councillor Charles Smith would continue to lead on Education and Regeneration, and Councillor Hywel Williams would continue to be Deputy Leader.

He was confident that this team would be able to continue the good work that had already taken place, and would help to steer the authority through the challenges that lay before it with a steady hand. By working together for the interests of the people the authority served, protecting the most essential services and having the courage to tackle the difficult decisions head-on, it would be possible to come together as an authority, and ensure that Bridgend County Borough Council was more than capable of meeting the challenges that lay ahead.

12. **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES**

The Monitoring Officer reported on the determinations and recommendations contained within the February 2017 Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales in respect of the level and range of remuneration the Authority must make available to its Members for the 2017/18 municipal year.

The purpose of the report was to seek:

- The adoption of the relevant determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel contained within its February 2017 report
- Determination of those posts that would receive a senior/civic salary.
- Council's determination of the level of remuneration for the Senior and Civic Salaries.
- Approval of the revised Members' Schedule of Remuneration at Appendix 2, which would become effective from 17 May 2017 (Annual Meeting of Council).
- Approval that the Members' Schedule of Remuneration be automatically updated with any changes to remuneration subsequently made by Council during the 2017/18 municipal year.

The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007 provided for the establishment of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The Panel had not changed its previous decisions in respect of the senior salaries paid to these Senior Salary Post holders. The Senior Salaries were inclusive of the Basic Salary. The senior salary posts did not receive an increase of salary but the increase in Basic Salary had been reflected in the total senior salary.

The Salary for the Leader and Deputy Leader had been based on the population of the County Borough (100,000 – 200,000). The Leader could receive £48,100 and the Deputy Leader £33,600.

Many Councils operated with a Cabinet of 10, the statutory maximum, others chose to have smaller Cabinets and therefore the range of individual portfolios was much greater. The Panel concluded that this differing range of portfolios should be reflected in the remuneration framework. It was not the role of the Panel to determine the structure of Cabinets of local authorities. Each newly elected council was able to determine the remuneration based on the level of responsibility and workload.

Cabinet members could be paid at either of the two following senior salary levels:

- Level 1 - £29,100
- Level 2 - £26,200

Previously if there were less than 8 Cabinet Members the workload and responsibility would warrant them being paid at the Level 1 salary. Bridgend had historically had 4 or 5 Cabinet Members in addition to the Leader and Deputy Leader

Where chairs of committees were remunerated, there were two levels of remuneration available:

- Level 1 chairs would be paid a salary of £22,100
- Level 2 chairs would be paid a salary of £20,100

The Panel determined that it was a matter for individual authorities to determine which chairs were paid and at what level, to reflect the appropriate responsibility attached to

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the specific post. In previous years the follow Committee Chairpersons had been remunerated at the levels shown:

- Level 1 Senior Salary
Appeals Panel
Audit Committee
Development Control Committee
Licensing/Act 2003 Committee
Scrutiny Committee
- An Independent Member chaired the Standards Committee and received £256 for a meeting lasting over 4 hours or £128 for meeting under 4 Hours
- The following Committees were chaired by members who were already in receipt of a Senior/Civic salary and therefore did not receive any further remuneration
 - Council
 - Appointments Committee
 - Town & Community Council Forum
 - Right of Way Sub-Committee
 - The Democratic Services Committee Chairperson was not remunerated in the previous administration.

The Panel previously determined that Council make a senior salary available to the leader of the largest opposition group who represented at least 10% (6 Members) of the Council before qualifying for a senior salary.

A senior salary was available to any another group leader who represented at least 10% (6 Members) of the Council.

The Panel had prescribed that Bridgend could not remunerate more than 18 Senior Salaries posts. The Panel determined that senior salary levels in 2017/18 for members of principal councils should be as set out in the report, Determination 2.

The Panel determined that civic salaries could be paid and that the level of remuneration should be decided by Councils after taking into account the anticipated workloads and responsibilities of the roles.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Deputy Mayor</u>
Level 1	£24,100	£18,100
Level 2	£21,600	£16,100
Level 3	£19,100	£14,100

The current Mayor and Deputy Mayor received Level 2 Civic Salaries and Council was requested to approve the continuation of this level of remuneration for the 2017-18 municipal year.

Determination 17 made by the Panel enabled all Councillors in the Authority to join the Local Government Pension Scheme if they so wished.

The Panel determined that an Elected Member was entitled to retain a basic salary when taking family absence under The Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013 irrespective of the attendance record immediately preceding

the commencement of the family absence. When a senior salary holder was eligible for family absence, he/she would continue to receive the salary for the duration of the absence. It was then a matter for the Authority to decide whether or not to make a substitute appointment. The Elected Member substituting for a senior salary holder taking family absence would be eligible to be paid a senior salary, if the Authority so decided. The Regulations applied to Elected Members in cases of maternity, new born, adoption and parental absences from official business.

Cabinet would be appointing 2 members to the South Wales FRA. Any Leader or Cabinet Member appointed to the FRA would not receive any additional salary from the FRA. The FRA was responsible for remunerating its representatives and publishing the details of any payments that they made.

The Authority currently had the following Co-optees with voting rights:

- Chair of the Standards Committee
- 3 Independent Members of Standards Committee
- 2 Town and Community Council Co-optees on the Standards Committee
- 5 Registered representatives (Church and School Governors)
- 1 Lay-person appointed to the Audit Committee

All authorities provided for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement would only be made on production of receipts from the carer

The Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013 were very specific relating to entitlement and only available for Elected Members of principal councils. Absence for reasons of ill-health was not included. Instances had been raised with the Panel of senior salary holders on long term sickness and the perceived unfairness in comparison with the arrangements for family absence. In consequence, councils were faced with the dilemma of:

- Operating without the individual member but still paying him/her the senior salary.
- Replacing the member who therefore loses the senior salary (but retains the basic salary).

The Panel determined that there would be no change to the mileage rates for which members were entitled to claim.

Although Council was unable to change the prescribed level of remuneration determined by the Panel, individual members were permitted to independently and voluntarily forego all or any element of remuneration to which they were entitled by writing to the Authority's Proper Officer.

The current budget set for 2017/18 for the remuneration of elected members was £1,104,140.

RESOLVED: (1) That Council noted the determinations and recommendations contained within the February 2017 Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales in respect of the level and range of remuneration the Authority must pay its Members for 2017/18 municipal year as shown in Appendix1.

(2) That Council:

- approved the adoption of the relevant determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel contained within its February 2017 report
- accepted those posts (as shown in the revised Members' Schedule of Remuneration at Appendix 2), who will receive a senior/civic salary.
- approved the level of remuneration for the Senior and Civic Salaries (where appropriate).
- approved the revised Members' Schedule of Remuneration at Appendix 2, and for it to become effective from 17 May 2017 (Annual Meeting of Council).
- approved the Members' Schedule of Remuneration be automatically updated with any changes to Senior/Civic Salary positions subsequently made by Council during the 2017/18 municipal year.

13. **PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report, which proposed a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and Council Committees for the municipal year May 2017- April 2018, for Council approval:-

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
31-May- 17	31-Jan-18
28-Jun-17	28-Feb-18
26-Jul-17	28-Mar-18
6-Sep-17	25-Apr-18
4-Oct-17	
1-Nov-17	
29-Nov-17	
20-Dec-17	

There would be no meeting of Council in August 2017, due to the summer and school holiday periods.

As agreed by Council at its Annual Meeting in 2012, each of the above meetings would be held on a Wednesday commencing at 3.00pm, with the exception of the meeting which will consider the Budget/Medium Term Financial Strategy(MTFS) (28 February 2018) which would start at 2.00pm. Council's Annual Meeting for the next municipal year would be held on 16 May 2018.

The proposed programme of Council Committee meetings at Appendix 1 also required the approval of Council. The draft Calendar had been circulated to the Corporate Management Board, Heads of Service, and lead officers of each of the Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels etc, for comment. Provisional appointments would be placed in the Member meetings and/or Cabinet Committee electronic calendars and expanded as necessary to all Members calendars when the schedule was approved, and as soon as the composition of all Council bodies was known.

Council was asked to note the meeting dates for Cabinet, Cabinet Committees, and the Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee which were included in Appendix 1 for completeness.

Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Council was required to undertake a survey of the timings of all Committee meetings as soon as possible in the new term of office. It was proposed that the survey would be carried out before the end of June 2017 and the outcomes reported back to Council in July 2017. The timings of meetings from September 2017 onwards as shown Appendix 1 could be subject to change to reflect the outcome of this survey.

A Councillor proposed that Council commence at 4 pm and not 3 pm. The Leader explained that as in the report, Members would be surveyed before the end of June 2017 and the outcomes reported back to Council. Members commented that for some, 4 pm could still be too early and that it was important for the sake of democracy that all had the opportunity to attend and give their input. Members agreed to continue with the survey and that the outcomes be reported back as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That Council:

- (1) Approved the proposed Programme of Council Meetings set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the report.
- (2) Approved the proposed programme of meetings of Council Committees set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (3) Noted that a survey of meeting timings would be carried out with the Members of each Committee, Sub-Committee and other body before the end of June. The outcomes would be reported back to Council in July and could result in the timings of meetings contained in the programme of meetings being subject to change.
- (4) Noted the dates of Cabinet, Cabinet Committees and Cabinet's Joint Committee which were also set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

14. **APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COUNCIL BODIES**

The Monitoring Officer presented a report which sought approval for the appointment of Overview and Scrutiny Committees and such other Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels and bodies as the Council considered appropriate to deal with matters which were neither reserved to full Council nor were executive functions.

Part 3 of the Council's Constitution entitled Responsibility for Council Functions, set out the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels and other bodies currently in place. Certain Committees were governed by provisions of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, in terms of their composition and/or appointment of Chairpersons.

The Measure made a number of requirements in relation to the Audit Committee's membership, including Lay Membership and the appointment of the Chairperson. The Chairperson under the Measure, was required to be appointed by the Audit Committee at its first scheduled meeting which was scheduled for 29 June 2017.

In terms of the Lay Membership of this Committee, it was proposed that the current Lay Member Ms J Williams remained as the lay member. Ms. Williams had completed one

term of office in this role, and in accordance with the Measure she was allowed to do a maximum of two terms on the Committee in this capacity. Council were asked to note that not more than one Member of the Audit Committee may be a Member of the Executive (and should not be the Leader), whilst the Chairperson of the Committee must also not be a Member of the Executive group.

The Democratic Services Committee must comprise solely of Councillors and could not include more than one member of the Executive, who must not be the Leader of the Council. It was a function of Council to appoint the Chairperson of this Committee, who must not be a Member of any of the political groups represented on the Executive.

It was proposed that Council made certain changes in respect of its appointment to the Standards Committee. The Committee comprised eight members, namely:-

- Four Independent Members (No current vacancies);
- Two County Borough Council Members (Two vacancies);
- Two Town/Community Council Members (Two vacancies);

The Independent Members and the Town and Community Council Members had previously been appointed by Council for a 4 year term of office, and none of these members had yet completed this term other than the representative of Pencoed Town Council, Councillor J Hancock. Councillor AE Davies was also formerly a Member of the Standards Committee as a representative of Porthcawl Town Council. However, following the recent elections she was no longer a Member of the Town Council and therefore she could not remain a Member of the Committee in this capacity. It was therefore recommended that delegated powers be granted to the Monitoring Officer to undertake any necessary processes to facilitate and appoint two Town and Community Council representatives to the Standards Committee as replacements for the above Members.

Council was also requested to nominate two County Borough Councillors to sit on the Standards Committee, having regard to the following requirements in terms of the representation of County Borough Council Members only:-

- The Leader may not be a member of the Standards Committee;
- Not more than one Cabinet Member could be a member of the Standards Committee;
- A County Borough Council Member could only be re-appointed for one further term;
- Membership of the Standards Committee was not subject to political balance requirements.

The Council currently had in place an Appointments Committee in order to interview and appoint JNC level staff, which included designated positions such as the Chief Executive, Directors and Heads of Service. In order to ensure that this Committee was politically balanced in accordance with the composition of political groups that formed the Council, it was recommended that the Committee comprised of the following membership:-

- Leader (Chairperson)
- Deputy Leader
- Cabinet Member (of relevant portfolio to the post)
- 1 x Conservative Member
- 1 x Independent Member
- 1 x Plaid Cymru Member

Due to the revised composition of the Committee as detailed above, Part 3, 2 (a) of the Constitution entitled Responsibility for Council Functions which contained the role, remit and terms of reference of Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels and other bodies, required amending to reflect the proposed political group changes on the Committee as outlined in the report.

The Measure also established procedures whereby Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs were nominated and appointed. The Measure required that as a minimum the Chairpersons of these Committees be appointed based on the size and political balance of each of the groups that make up the Council. To that end, with 4 Overview and Scrutiny Committees existing in the Authority, the Chairpersons of these were allocated to the following political groups:

Labour – 1
Conservative – 1 chairperson
Independent Alliance – 1 chairperson

The Chairperson of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee was unallocated and therefore in accordance with the Measure, was to be appointed by the members of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee from one of the Chairpersons of the Scrutiny Subject Committees but it could not be the Chairperson representing the Executive group.

Registered representatives of the Church and School Governors would be included with any of the Subject Committees which were dealing with an Education topic. There was now a Primary school vacancy on the Committee, by virtue of Mr. Tim Thomas who previously occupied this role now being an Elected Member of Bridgend County Borough Council. The recruitment and appointment of this post would be undertaken in due course.

RESOLVED: That Council:-

- (1) Appointed the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and such other Committees as the Council considered appropriate to deal with matters which were neither reserved to the Council nor were executive functions as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.
- (2) Determined the size and terms of reference for those Committees with the exception that the terms of reference of the Subject and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees would be presented to a subsequent meeting of Council.
- (3) Approved the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with political balance rules, based on the percentages shown in Appendix 3 of the report.
- (4) Received nominations from the political groups and appointed Councillors to serve on each of the following Committees and other bodies, details of which were shown at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

Appeals Panel
Audit Committee
Licensing Committee
Development Control Committee (noting the provisions of paragraph 4.8.1 of the report)

Town and Community Council Forum
Scrutiny Subject Committee 1(Education)
Scrutiny Subject Committee 2(Social Services)
Scrutiny Subject Committee 3
Democratic Services Committee (noting the provisions of paragraph 4.3.1 of the report)
Appointments Committee (noting the provisions of paragraph 4.5.1 of the report)
Standards Committee (noting the provisions of paragraph 4.4.3 of the report)

(5) Having received nominations which were duly seconded, appointed Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons to the following Committees, Panels or other bodies (as indicated) with it being noted that the Audit Committee at its first scheduled meeting would appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson:-

	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Vice Chairperson</u>
Appeals Panel	Councillor John McCarthy	Councillor Janice Lewis
Appointments Committee	Councillor Huw David	N/A
Democratic Services Committee	Councillor Malcolm James (Councillor Sadie Vidal was also nominated and seconded and following an electronic vote Councillor Malcolm James was appointed).	N/A
Development Control Committee	Councillor Gary Thomas	Councillor Rod Shaw
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	Councillor David Lewis	Councillor Mike Kearn
Licensing Committee	Councillor David Lewis	Councillor Mike Kearn
Town & Community Council Forum	Councillor Huw David	N/A

(6) Approved that the current Lay Member on the Audit Committee Ms. J Williams remained as a Member of this Committee for a second term of office, in accordance with a provision of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, and having regard to paragraph 4.2.2 of the report in terms of the composition of the Committee.

(7) Approved that delegated power be granted to the Monitoring Officer to facilitate and appoint two Town/Community Council representatives on the Standards Committee, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.4.2 of the report.

(8) Approved the amendment of Part 3, 2 (a) of the Constitution entitled Responsibility for Council Functions to be amended in order to reflect the revised composition of the Appointments Committee, in accordance with paragraph 4.5.4 of the report and

note that an amendment of the Constitution relating to Scrutiny will be provided at the next meeting of Council.

(9) Elected Chairpersons from those Members appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.6 of this report and noted that the Chairperson of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee was unallocated and therefore would be appointed by the members of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee from the existing Chairpersons appointed to the Scrutiny Subject Committees but noting that it could not be the Chairperson representing the Executive group.

	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Vice Chairperson</u>
Scrutiny Subject Committee 1	Councillor Alex Williams	N/A
Scrutiny Subject Committee 2	Councillor Cheryl Green	N/A
Scrutiny Subject Committee 3	Councillor John Spanswick	N/A

(10) Noted that recruitment and appointment of a replacement Registered Representative would be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.7.1 of the report.

(11) Appointed Councillors David Lewis and Councillor Mike Clarke to sit on the Standards Committee. (Councillors Altaf Hussain and Tom Beedle were also nominated and seconded and following two electronic votes Councillor David Lewis and Mike Clarke were appointed).

15. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report which sought Council's approval for the appointment of Members to the South Wales Police and Crime Panel and the South East Wales Strategic Planning Group.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the following nominations to the bodies listed below:-

South Wales Police and Crime Panel – Cllr Richard Young

South East Wales Strategic Planning Group – Chair of Development Control

16. **URGENT ITEMS**

None.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm