

**COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE 2018**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE 2018 AT 15:00**

Present

Councillor JR McCarthy – Chairperson

S Aspey	SE Baldwin	JPD Blundell	NA Burnett
RJ Collins	HJ David	P Davies	SK Dendy
T Giffard	RM Granville	CA Green	DG Howells
A Hussain	RM James	B Jones	M Jones
DRW Lewis	JE Lewis	DG Owen	D Patel
RL Penhale-Thomas	AA Pucella	JC Radcliffe	KL Rowlands
RMI Shaw	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	AJ Williams	HM Williams
RE Young			

Apologies for Absence

TH Beedle, MC Clarke, N Clarke, PA Davies, DK Edwards, J Gebbie, MJ Kearns, B Sedgebeer, CE Smith, KJ Watts, A Williams and JE Williams

Officers:

Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Gary Jones	Head of Democratic Services
Richard Matthams	Development Planning - Team Leader
Darren Mepham	Chief Executive
Jonathan Parsons	Group Manager Development
Mark Shephard	Corporate Director - Communities
Kevin Stephens	Democratic Services Assistant
Kelly Watson	Group Manager Legal & Democratic Services

189. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer declared an interest in Agenda item 14 and left the meeting whilst this item was being considered.

190. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the following meetings of Council be approved as a true and accurate record:-

Annual meeting – 16 May 2018  
Ordinary meeting – 25 April 2018

191. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM:

Mayor

The Mayor announced that it has only been three weeks since his official inauguration as Mayor, though he and his Consort have hit the ground running. They had already attended sixteen “official” engagements, all very different but in their own way very interesting and enjoyable.

They had been fascinated by the Young Carers’ book launch, with young people having collaborated to produce a children’s story book to help raise awareness in primary school children, of some of the issues confronting young carers. This was a very moving and inspiring event and it was fantastic to meet everyone who made the book a reality he explained.

The Mayor also had the honour of meeting His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent during his visit to Sony last week. He/his Consort were treated to an interesting and informative tour of the factory, where we watched the production of the Raspberry Pi - a fantastic example of UK innovation, design and engineering.

The opening of the Maesteg Festival was also a most enjoyable evening, with the group Collabro providing superb musical entertainment. He also wished to mention about the wonderful art exhibition by children of several Maesteg primary schools. The exhibition used very unusual materials, and was aided and inspired by the young Welsh artist Nathan Wyburn.

Another extremely interesting event was the Young Enterprise regional finals, which were held at the Cardiff Business School. Teams of young entrepreneurs from all over Wales were competing for a place in the All Britain finals, and Brynteg School took part and won the award for the best trade stand. Their excellent project uses recycled carrier bags to make shoes for people in third world countries; unfortunately they lost out to Haberdashers’ School in Monmouth, but he had been very impressed with our local team.

Besides these events, the Mayor had attended a store opening, a Freedom of the Borough presentation in RCT, the volunteer day at the Cats Protection League, Tondu Art Society awards, Tenovus Choir 5<sup>th</sup> birthday event, Carers’ Week event , a British Citizenship ceremony, Wartime Bridgend, Cefn Cribwr Open Gardens, YMCA visit, and ‘Equaliteas’ event celebrating 100 years of votes for women with our local Guide company.

Lastly but not least, the Mayor confirmed that he had the pleasure of announcing that Lewis David Pilliner will be the new Youth Mayor for the year 2018 -19, Lewis is a pupil of Bryntirion Comprehensive School and he looked forward to working with him during the coming year.

#### Deputy Leader

The Deputy Leader asked Members to continue to encourage their constituents to sign for the Council’s recently launched ‘My Account’ service.

Along with the all-new website, My Account is designed to make it far easier and simpler for people to access council services, and has the potential to deliver big savings for the authority.

My Account is a round-the-clock online hub that lets people carry out council-related tasks quickly and easily, 24 hours a day. The initial stage lets you do things such as view a council tax bill, apply for housing benefit, request discounts and exemptions, make online payments, set up and manage direct debits, subscribe to e-billing and more.

As My Account develops, it will be expanded to enable people to do things like report potholes, apply for places at local schools, pay for school meals or let the authority know about faulty street lights.

To use the new service, residents simply visit the council website and register for an account using their email address.

The repeated session of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) awareness training is being held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 starting at 9:00 am. All Councillors have been registered as Data Controllers and this training has been identified by the Democratic Services Committee as essential for all Elected members to attend.

Elected Member Role descriptions have been created and tailored for each individual Councillor. The Head of Democratic Services has requested that you check and sign the copies of your individual role descriptions that have been placed on your desks. These will be collected at the end of the meeting and will be used to support the achievement of the WLGA Charter for Member Support and Development. If any amendments are required to your role descriptions please let the Democratic Services Team know and they will update the documents accordingly.

Members are requested to leave their Surface Pro devices in their desks in the Council Chamber on conclusion of today's meeting. This will enable the ICT Department to carry out necessary Microsoft upgrades to the devices and to allow for the Modern.gov restricted App to be installed, which when installed, will give Members access to Exempt papers for Committees they are members of.

The upgrades will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. The Democratic Services Team will contact you to arrange for you to pick up your device and to take Members through the registration process for the Restricted App.

#### Cabinet Member – Communities

The Cabinet Member – Communities announced that Porthcawl's iconic Jennings Building has been recognised with another award after the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors applauded the way in which the Grade-II listed structure has been brought back into public use.

He was sure that Members will have noted how the first of the new terraced sections have been installed at the town beach, and with developments such as an overhaul of the harbour kiosk that is set to provide marina users with new facilities or the new water sports centre that is being developed at Rest Bay, exciting times lay ahead. Salt Lake was now back in the Council's hands, and he was am hoping that we will have fresh news soon on the seafront site formerly occupied by the old Dunraven Flats.

In other Porthcawl news, some work is set to take place at the breakwater wall to check that the structure still remains sound. The breakwater has done a fantastic job, and has even found itself making international news thanks to some stunning views of huge waves crashing over its iconic lighthouse. Further details would follow as the work takes place.

The 2018 'Year of the Sea' is underway, and Bridgend County Borough has already marked it by holding an 'aquathlon', a bay swim and voluntary beach-cleaning events.

The Council is planning lots of other summer activities with partners such as Awen Cultural Trust and Credu Charity Ltd, so Members should not be surprised if they see giant sea creatures roaming along the promenade, street theatre or a modern twist on traditional seaside postcards. The Year of the Sea will also be marked in a range of interesting ways at other popular events over the next few months, so he urged Members to look out for more news on this soon.

Elsewhere in the County Borough, six-year-old Cwmfelin pupil Thomas Lewis has won a County Borough-wide competition to come up with a fitting name for our new CCTV patrol car which is tackling dangerous and illegal parking outside schools.

The car has now been fitted with livery featuring its new name, which is Roly Patrolly.

Roly Patrolly uses CCTV automatic number plate recognition, and is designed to record any inconsiderate motorists who park their cars illegally on school 'keep clear' zones, bus stops, pedestrian crossings with zig-zags and other restricted areas that put children at risk.

#### Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help

The Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help, confirmed that the new Bridgend MASH multi-agency safeguarding hub recently moved into Ravens Court and is continuing to establish itself.

By early autumn, the MASH will feature around 85 members of staff from adult and children's social care, South Wales Police, education, housing, substance misuse, probation, health, early help services and the Wales Community Rehabilitation Company.

They will work together as part of a multi-agency team to provide effective safeguarding services for children, young people and adults.

The establishment of the Bridgend MASH coincides with the implementation of the Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014, and will enable earlier, higher-quality information sharing, analysis and decision-making to take place.

An official launch is being planned for early autumn, and the Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help, was looking forward to bringing to Council further details on this in due course.

He also wanted to mention that Carer's Week 2018 was marked in Bridgend County Borough with a series of information events, stands, drop-in centres and more.

Set up under this year's theme of 'helping carers to stay healthy and connected', the events took place at venues ranging from Sainsbury's to the Princess of Wales Hospital where they received a lot of attention.

As a final related point of interest, one of our young carers has written an illustrated book in conjunction with Bridgend Carers Centre.

It's called 'The Bear Who Cared' and is designed to educate small children about what it means to be a carer.

The Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help found this to be a very touching and informative insight, and he hoped that Members would too. More could be found out about this book via Bridgend Carers centre.

Cabinet Member – Wellbeing and Future Generations

The Cabinet Member – Wellbeing and Future Generations, advised that Members will be aware that Welsh Government has set an affordable homes target of 20,000. One of the ways in which Bridgend County Borough is contributing towards this is through the delivery and installation of brand new 'modular' housing.

These are made up of individual factory-built sections which come complete with fitted appliances, heating and electrics. They are being constructed locally at a Kenfig factory, so that each section or module can be fitted on-site to form a complete house.

The beauty of the scheme is that it provides high-quality, low-cost housing very, very quickly, reducing the construction period to as little as three weeks per home. This means that when compared with traditional construction methods, modular homes can be delivered at a rate which is 50 per cent faster and has less impact upon the environment.

The scheme is being provided as part of a partnership with Valleys to Coast and specialists Wernick Buildings. It will establish eight new modular homes in Sarn and Tondu, and has been funded by Welsh Government.

Our longstanding partnership with Valleys To Coast Housing has been hugely productive in providing local communities with high-quality homes, and she was sure that the new modular units will prove to be another big success.

The Cabinet Member – Wellbeing and Future Generations, also briefly mentioned the forthcoming summer reading challenge. This year, the scheme will have a 'Beano' theme as children get involved with a treasure hunt led by none other than Dennis The Menace.

Every child who participates will receive a map of Beanotown, and each book they read will reveal clues about where the hidden treasure is buried.

She was sure that Members will want to encourage their younger constituents to take part, and more about this event could be found by visiting the summer reading challenge website.

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive announced that the Cabinet Secretary with responsibility for local government recently issued a Green Paper called Strengthening Local Government. Though there was reference to wanting to explore the role and purpose of local government there was of course a lot of emphasis placed on redrawing the boundaries and merging Councils. It didn't seem to have much connection to the previous exercise by his predecessor which had focused on regional working.

The five group Leaders have submitted a joint response from BCBC. He was going to share this with all Members, but summarised herewith the main points that were made by BCBC.

Firstly, our response endorsed and supported the submission by the WLGA. That submission dealt at length with the inappropriateness of looking at redrawing lines on maps at this stage so we didn't repeat that but instead made the point that there is no clear business case that demonstrates that performance or opportunity is proportionate

to size of authority, there is still no clear indication that the costs of change are fully understood or deliverable.

The group Leader's response instead focused on giving some suggestions on what stronger local government might look like, which was the actual title of the green paper after all. The submission suggested that the Welsh Government should build on the strengths of local government, namely direct democratic accountability and an understanding of and focus on community and citizens.

It went on to suggest that WG might give additional responsibilities to local government such as the commissioning and co-ordination of community based health currently led by the NHS, so that we could better integrate that with Social Services and overcome the NHS understandable but ultimately narrow focus on hospitals and waiting lists. The big prize here being early help and prevention.

We also similarly suggested a role for local government in public health and in the commissioning of Higher education.

BCBC also made the point that this should probably be carried out through existing regional partnerships rather than by 22 individual Councils.

These were intended as examples of the type of debate that would be more constructive and meaningful in making local government more effective than simply playing with lines on maps.

The BCBC submission also identified a number of additional powers that would help make local government more effective. These included greater control over the use of school premises, schools of course are the Council owned assets that have the greatest potential to meet a variety of needs in our communities not just education. Plus greater control over the financing of social care.

Finally, we called on Welsh government to be more co-ordinated in its dealings with local government, noting that this Green Paper came from one Cabinet Secretary but that we deal with different cabinet secretaries and their departments on education, social care, planning, regeneration, finance, environment and culture.

As eluded to earlier, the Chief Executive would circulate that letter to all Members for their information.

Finally, Members were no doubt aware that our current Head of Democratic Services, Gary Jones, will soon be leaving the authority to take up a new position with Cardiff City Council.

Gary has been with Bridgend for 14 years, and the Chief Executive knew that he will be missed by both Members and fellow Officers.

As today marked Gary's last meeting of Council, the Chief Executive was sure that Members would wish to take this opportunity to thank Gary for all his help and support, and wish him well for the future, both personally and in his new role.

The Leader echoed the Chief Executives sentiments on behalf of all Members of the Council.

The Chief Executive concluded his announcements by confirming that recruiting a new Head of Democratic Services was in its final stages, and he would provide Members with a further update, once this process had been completed.

Monitoring Officer

The Monitoring Officer announced that the Conservative group had put forward a change in respect of its membership on the Audit Committee, namely that Councillor Altaf Hussain comes off the Committee and is replaced by Councillor Tom Giffard, with immediate effect.

192. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE LEADER

The Leader reported that last week Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services, announced that Bridgend County Borough is going to move out of the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board area, and will become part of Cwm Taf University Health Board by April 2019.

The most immediate impact will of course be on service areas where we are currently working on a Western Bay footprint, i.e. Social Services and early help services such as Families First and Youth Offending. He confirmed that for the most part, we will expect to work more closely with Cwm Taf, RCT and Merthyr Tydfil instead of ABMU, Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

However, in cases where it makes sense to work at that larger scale, there will undoubtedly be examples where we may see collaboration across both health board areas, too. It is also likely that some existing arrangements with ABMU and Western Bay colleagues may take a little longer to migrate than April 2019.

As Members were aware, the Council has long made the case to Welsh Government that viewing Bridgend County Borough as part of South East Wales for services such as education and the economy, but as part of South West Wales for services like health and social care, is really quite difficult to sustain in the face of ever-increasing regionalisation.

Expecting us to work in a way that is fundamentally different to all other Council areas in Wales risked short-changing our communities, but despite this, we have built up an enviable track record of effective collaboration. The Leader was sure that Members will be pleased to see that Welsh Government has recognised the problem. The Minister's statement makes it clear that the move is intended to align all of our economic, education, health and social services partnership arrangements firmly within the Cardiff Capital Region. As to how this is going to affect our current working partnerships, we hope to have greater clarity very soon. Together with our partners in both health board areas, we are committed towards making the transition as smoothly and effectively as possible, and are keeping a firm focus on ensuring the best possible outcomes for our communities and residents.

The Leader announced that he was delighted to see that in addition to Maesteg's new Sunday service, the town is to be serviced by four trains an hour. This is going to be a vital link in helping people get access to jobs and training, and will make it much easier to travel between the Llynfi Valley and Bridgend, Cardiff and beyond.

Anyone who has visited Bridgend Railway Station recently will have seen for themselves the results of its recent £1.5m refurbishment. It now boasts an improved concourse area with a new information desk, ticket office and seating, refurbished passenger toilets and new baby changing facilities, a new waiting shelter and customer pathways, improved security and new CCTV, and new signage and passenger information displays. Bridgend is the fifth busiest railway station in all of Wales, so Councillor Young and the Leader were particularly pleased to meet with Cabinet Minister for Economy and Transport Ken Skates, to discuss the implications of the new metro system. Upgrading work is

underway so that tri-mode trains capable of switching between battery, electric and diesel can be brought into use, and the County Borough is set to benefit from a fast, efficient link to Cardiff airport.

Enhanced connectivity and modern facilities are essential for the enhanced prosperity of the area, and the Leader was looking forward to seeing how these latest developments will help to bring communities closer together, offer greater opportunities for employment, leisure and tourism, and provide support for the economy.

Next week will see the Festival of Learning taking place in Bridgend County Borough where it will showcase some of the new and innovative learning and teaching methods that are being used at local schools. Over the course of the week, more than 800 pupils, teachers, educators, trainers and employers will participate with 100 school-based workshops where they will experience how modern classroom developments are benefiting local children alongside traditional numeracy and literacy techniques.

Some of the new techniques on display will include using virtual reality technology in the classroom, Lego therapy and outdoor 'mountain' schools.

A symposium event at Bridgend College will focus on how the health and well-being of pupils can be developed, maintained and improved, and a Learners' Day at Bridgend Life Centre will provide children with an opportunity to set up stalls and offer displays and practical demonstrations before receiving an address from Professor Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales.

The Festival is going to be a fantastic opportunity to share knowledge and develop new ways of supporting children, and the Leader hoped that it will grow so that other parts of Wales can benefit from the insights and developments that it promises to deliver.

Finally, the Leader reported that more than £1.5 million has been invested in the Pencoed area over recent years as part of the Safe Routes in Communities programme, and he was impressed to note the innovation that has been displayed in the most recent development. A 300 metre-long pathway has been installed through woodlands between Brook Vale and Llwyn Gwern as part of a safe route linking to Pencoed Comprehensive and Croesty Primary. What makes this path so different is that it glows in the dark thanks to a photo-luminescent resin surface which harnesses UV light gathered during the day.

This was a first for the County Borough, and is sure to help guide walkers and cyclists during the winter months. It also coincides with news that funding has been approved to extend the existing off-road route from Coychurch, and this was further good news the Leader concluded.

193. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING QUESTION FROM: COUNCILLOR A HUSSAIN TO THE CABINET MEMBER COMMUNITIES

'Could the Cabinet Member please let the Council know how we the residents of Pen Y Fai are supposed to travel in and around Bridgend?'

**Response:**

Service No. 81 operates in Pen Y Fai presently. However, due to the recent decision to reduce funding towards supported local bus services, the subsidy provided to this partly commercial service will end on 11 August 2018, leaving the commercial element of the service.



The decision regarding this commercial element would be for the operator to decide upon its commercial viability.

However there is the Service No. 67 (Bridgend – Pen Y Fai – Aberkenfig - Sarn) which is partly funded by BCBC, but has not been affected by the budget reductions in 2018/19.

This service operates to Heol-tyn-Garn via the main road (A4063), before turning right on to Pen Y Fai Road (towards Aberkenfig Village). The return route is the same, which lies to the east of Pen Y Fai.

If the bus operator does decide to remove the commercial element of the service then this would leave the western part of Pen Y Fai area unserved. If this was to occur then residents would need to access the route of Service No. 67 to gain access to Bridgend Town or Sarn.

As indicated in the consultation response many residents have access to private motor vehicles and for those who may have specific access issues the Bridgend community transport does provide alternative provision.

In consideration of rerouting existing commercial services this would be a commercial decision from the bus operators. This had been requested and examined previously and at that time First Cymru Buses Ltd considered this inappropriate as it impacted upon timing of their services.

In regard of active travel there are several proposals contained within the Council's Integrated Network Map (INM) which will seek to enhance active travel access to Pen-y-fai. The INM was approved by Cabinet and Welsh Government. In reference to the specific concerns raised by Councillor Hussain, proposal INM-BR-14 highlights a potential shared-use route between Pen-y-fai and Sarn Railway Station alongside Bridgend Road.

In addition, proposal INM-BR-19 indicates a desire to investigate the options for provision of a pedestrian route between Pen-y-Fai and Cefn Glas along Cefn Glas Road. Whilst this route has been identified as a proposal in the INM, it is not currently considered suitable for active travel as it does not meet the standards required by the Welsh Government's Design Guidance.

Proposal INM-BR-61 refers to an improved crossing facility and associated footway works at the junction of Bridgend Road/Heol Eglwys in Pen-y-fai in the vicinity of the petrol station. Finally, there is also a proposal (INM-BR-15) to enhance pedestrian access between the existing National Cycle Network Route 885, which runs alongside the River Ogmore, and the Bridgend Designer Outlet.

Supplementary question from Councillor Altaf Hussain

Since Bridgend County Borough Council is included in the Cardiff City Region and has been promised to contribute to its fund for transport developments, could the Cabinet Member – Communities let the Council know when the 15 minute interval Metro Rail Services are being provided for stations in the Bridgend County Borough, including main line and Maesteg branch line services.

**Response:**

The Cabinet Member – Communities advised that Bridgend County Borough Council would receive a valuable contribution for projects earmarked within the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, which as Members were aware, was a long term project. There were

various elements of the project, including possible plans for the provision of metro type rail services, though there were difficulties presently at Pencoed railway station, due to the railway crossing that was generating a build-up of vehicular traffic at this location. There was also a proposal to consider at this railway station, namely works to improve the bridge there, which if undertaken, would allow for the free flow of extra train services, which would have a knock-on effect not just within Pencoed, but also in all areas of the County Borough, thus increasing the provision of trains at a considerable number of locations. A meeting was planned with the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, and more would be known after this meeting took place.

The Cabinet Member – Communities concluded his response, by reminding Council that the City Deal was a long term project that would span 15 or so years, and projects invested into, including those within the Bridgend County Borough, would develop and progress as the Deal grew momentum.

**194. CWMFELIN PRIMARY SCHOOL - CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Interim Corporate Director – Education and Family Support and the Interim Head of Finance and S151 Officer gave a joint report, the purpose of which, was to seek Council approval to revise the Capital Programme for 2018 to 2028, to include a budget of £165k for the build of a new classroom at Cwmfelin Primary School. This would be met from earmarked reserves, the school in question and the Family Support Directorate budget.

The Interim Corporate Director – Education and Family Support advised, that despite staff making best use of the school premises the insufficient size of classroom spaces at the School is putting pressure on teaching and learning opportunities there. The local authority had recognised that the School needs additional space to aid the delivery of the foundation phase and undertake interventions.

He confirmed that a number of suggestions had been considered, with a scheme finally being developed for provision of accommodation suitable for groups of 20, which meets the School's needs. It was therefore proposed to proceed on the basis of providing this space as a new build on an area of land close to the Nursery building on the School site.

This provision would provide the much needed added space, which would in turn ease pressure on existing classes, as well as supporting the delivery of interventions and group work.

The Interim Corporate Director – Education and Family Support added that it was not anticipated that any additional classroom space would be required in the near future, as projected demographic growth was relatively low in this School's catchment area. Therefore, there was no proposal to increase the published admission number (PAN) for the School as a result of the proposal.

He then concluded his submission, by advising of the report's financial implications.

A Member advised that he welcomed works that were being carried out in respect of schools under the ongoing School Modernisation Programme. However, he stated that sometime in the future he would also welcome feedback on the outcomes of such investment made in respect of schools, ie to establish if improvements have been secured there.

The Interim Corporate Director – Education and Family Support advised that he would be able to provide this information for Members in due course.

A Member sought re-assurance from the Interim Corporate Director – Education and Family Support, that the investment being committed to the School was a sensible option, given the proposed re-organisation of the Llynfi Valley Schools in due course.

The Interim Corporate Director – Education and Family Support advised that the School building at Cwmfelin Primary was a Condition C category build, undersized and of poor quality, with cloakrooms situated in classrooms and therefore it needed improving to bring it up to the required standard. He added that there would be a further update at a future date with regard to the re-organisation of schools at Maesteg as referred to be the Member.

**RESOLVED:** That Council gave approval to amend the Capital Programme to include a budget of £165k to fund the new-build classroom space at Cwmfelin Primary School, to be met from earmarked reserves, the School and Education and Family Support Directorate budgets.

195. **BRIDGEND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) (2013) REVIEW REPORT**

The Corporate Director – Communities submitted a report to Council, to advise of the outcome of the consultation exercise on the Bridgend Local Plan (2013) draft Review Report, and seek Council's approval to submit the final Bridgend LDP Review Report (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) (in conjunction with the Replacement LDP Delivery Agreement to Welsh Government before the end of June 2018).

The Development Planning Team Leader advised that any revision to an LDP must be preceded by a Review Report which is a statutory part of the full LDP Review process.

The Review Report sets out the proposed extent of likely changes to the existing LDP (2006-2021) and seeks to confirm the revision procedure to be followed in preparing a replacement LDP.

In terms of 'procedural route', in the case of Bridgend, the plan is already the subject to a statutory required 4 year full review, and as such all aspects of the plan will need to be assessed to consider if they remain sound and fit for purpose. This will include the LDP vision, objectives, spatial strategy, policies and land-use allocations, broadly following the same preparation process and stages as the original plan.

He confirmed that the Review Report covers the following topics:-

- Contextual Changes
- Assessment of Likely Changes Required to the Current LDP
- Review of the Evidence Base
- LDP Review Options

In terms of public consultation, Members will recall that a report was presented to Council on the 25th April 2018 seeking authorisation to undertake targeted consultation on the draft Bridgend LDP Review Report between 30th April 2018 and 25th May 2018. The Consultation on the draft Review Report was undertaken in conjunction with the draft Delivery Agreement.

The Development Planning Team Leader confirmed that consultation was advertised in the following ways:-

- The consultation documents were available for inspection with representation forms at the Civic Offices, Angel Street;
- Information on the consultation, including all the documentation, representation forms and the facility to make representations electronically was placed on the Council's website; and
- E-mails and letters were sent to approximately 190 targeted consultees including Community Councils, planning consultants, house builders, housing associations and other relevant external organisations with details on how to respond.

By the end of the consultation period 11 individuals and external organisations had submitted comments on the draft Review Report.

In response to this, the Council has produced a Consultation Report (which is included as Appendix 7 in the final Review Report) that provides the Council's response to the representations received. However, it has not been necessary to make any significant amendments to the document as a result of comments from the public consultation.

He concluded his submission, by advising that copies of the full representations can be viewed by Members at the Planning Department.

- RESOLVED:
- (1) That Council approved the final Review Report and authorised the Group Manager Development, Communities Directorate to submit the final Bridgend LDP Review Report attached at Appendix 1 to the report (in conjunction with the Replacement LDP Delivery Agreement to Welsh Government before the end of June 2018.
  - (2) That Council gives delegated authority to the Group Manager Development, Communities Directorate, to make any factual corrections or minor amendments to the Review Report, as considered necessary.

196. BRIDGEND REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) DELIVERY AGREEMENT

The Corporate Director – Communities presented a report to Council on the outcome of the consultation exercise on the Bridgend Replacement LDP Delivery Agreement, and to seek Council's approval to submit the final Delivery Agreement (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) (in conjunction with the Bridgend Local Development Plan (2013) Review Report) to Welsh Government before the end of June 2018.

The Delivery Agreement sets out how and when the local community and other stakeholders can contribute to the preparation of the Replacement Plan and a timetable for its preparation. It is proposed that the Replacement LDP will cover a plan period up to 2033.

The Development Planning Team Leader advised that in terms of consultation on the Delivery Agreement, Members would also recall that a report was presented to Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018, which outlined the Cabinet Secretary's response, that allowed Bridgend to proceed with its LDP subject to a very strict deadline requiring submission of the Delivery Agreement before the end of June 2018. The report also sought authorisation to undertake targeted consultation on the draft Replacement Bridgend LDP Delivery Agreement between 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

He added that, the Consultation on the draft Delivery Agreement was undertaken in conjunction with the draft Bridgend Local Development Plan (2013) Review Report.

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The Development Planning Team Leader added, that by the end of the consultation period 8 external organisations had submitted comments on the draft Delivery Agreement. In response, the Council has produced a Consultation Report which was included as Appendix 3 in the final Delivery Agreement, that provided the Council's response to the representations received.

Copies of the full representations can be viewed by Members at the Planning Department he further added.

The main changes to the Delivery Agreement recommended by Officers included:

- Updates to the list of Consultation Bodies (attached as Appendix 1 in the Delivery Agreement):
  - It was considered prudent to include all the LPAs in the Cardiff Capital Region rather than just the neighbouring LPAs (Vale of Glamorgan, RCT and Neath Port Talbot) to reflect the importance of collaborative / regional working and Strategic Development Plan preparation.
  - Bridgend Local Health and Bridgend Partnership Board have been deleted as both have been replaced by the Public Service Board.
  - Action on hearing loss has been replaced by RNI Deaf & Hard of Hearing People.
  - The Commission for Racial Equality, Disability Rights Commission and Disability Rights Commission have been replaced by The Equality and Human Rights Commission.
  - Fields in Trust – replaces National Playing Fields Association Wales.
  - Royal National Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing People has been replaced by 'Action on Hearing Loss'.
  - Wales Council for the Disabled has been replaced by Disability Wales.
- An amendment to the timetable (attached at Appendix 2 to the report) to the Delivery Agreement) to reflect that Sustainability Appraisal (SA) scoping should be undertaken before substantive LDP proposals are publicly consulted on. All sites submitted in response to a future 'call for sites' will need to be subject to SA in due course, so it would be best to define the LDP SA framework, methodology and information requirements through the SA Scoping Report prior to issuing the call for sites (and any associated site pro-formas). This should help to ensure

that site promoters submit sufficient sustainability and environmental information to enable the SA to be undertaken efficiently.

- Paragraph 1.6.2 had been amended to show a degree of linkage between the SA (SEA), the Bridgend Well-being Plan (in accordance with the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).
- Paragraph 1.6.3 has been expanded to reference the statutory requirement to undertake SEA screening.
- Paragraph 1.6.3 the second and third bullet-points have been combined into a single bullet for clarity purposes.
- Paragraph 1.6.3 the final bullet point has been amended to make clear that the SA Adoption Statement will be published after the adoption of the replacement LDP.

With regard to the current situation, the Development Planning Team Leader confirmed that the draft Delivery Agreement consists of 2 parts:-

- A timetable for preparation of the Replacement LDP, and
- A Community Involvement Scheme.

The timetable sets out the key dates, including statutory consultation periods, for each of the different stages of Plan preparation and publication.

It also included key stages for the Sustainability Appraisal, which is an iterative process undertaken as an integral part of the Plan preparation process.

He explained that the Delivery Agreement must be approved by Welsh Government, and they had 1 month to consider and agree its contents or notify the LPA that it requires more time to consider the document.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Council approve the final Delivery Agreement for the Replacement LDP and authorise the Group Manager Development, Communities Directorate to submit the final Delivery Agreement (attached at Appendix 1) (in conjunction with the Bridgend LDP (2013) Review Report (see separate item)) to Welsh Government before the end of June 2018.
- (2) That Council give delegated authority to the Group Manager Development, Communities Directorate to make any factual corrections or minor amendments to the Delivery Agreement as considered necessary.

**197. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Monitoring Officer presented a report that sought Council approval of proposed amendments to the Constitution.

By way of background information, the Monitoring Officer advised that a desktop review of the Constitution has been undertaken to ensure that it is up to date and fit for purpose.

She referred to paragraph 4.2 of the report and some proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee, as was illustrated in Appendix 1 to the report.

The report then further recommended that the Budget and Policy Framework Rules are amended at paragraph 2 (d), and as the tracked changes shown in Appendix 2 to the report detailing these had not shown in the copies produced for Members due to a technical problem on Modern.Gov, she gave this amendment verbally to Members.

The last suggested amendment to the Constitution was in respect of Part 4, Rules of Procedure at paragraph 17 in relation to the Mayor's casting vote. It was proposed that this be amended so as to not apply in respect of voting on appointments. This tracked change was detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, but due to a similar technical problem to the one referred to above, this change had also not been visible on copies of the report previously distributed.

The Constitution would require amendment as a result of the provisions of the report.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the amendments to the Constitution as set out in the report and its attached Appendices.

198. RE-ALLOCATION OF THE COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTORATE

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report, the purpose of which, was to seek Council's approval for the transfer of Council functions within the Scheme of Delegation of Functions currently allocated to the Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services.

The report advised, that as a result of the recent deletion of the post of Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services and in order to maintain effective decision making processes, it was proposed that all Council Functions in Schemes B1 and B2 of the Scheme of Delegation of Functions allocated to the previous post holder of the above deleted post, be re-allocated to the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED: That Council:-

- (1) Approved the transfer of Council functions within the Scheme of Delegation of Functions from the Corporate Director – Operational and Partnership Services to the Monitoring Officer.
- (2) Noted that a report will be presented to Cabinet proposing a similar change to the Scheme of Delegation of Functions for Executive functions.

199. URGENT ITEMS

None.

200. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local

Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

Following the application of the public interest test in consideration of this item, it was resolved that pursuant to the Act referred to above, to consider the item in private, with the public being excluded from the meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information of the nature as stated above.

201. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the exempt Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council dated 25 April 2018, be approved as a true and accurate record

The meeting closed at 16:19