

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2024

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB /REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 16:00

Present

Councillor – Chairperson

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

Officers:

Mark Shephard – Chief Executive
Carys Lord – Section 151 Officer
Kelly Watson – Monitoring Officer
Lindsay Harvey – Corporate Director – Education and Family Support
Claire Marchant – Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing
Janine Nightingale – Corporate Director – Communities
Mark Galvin – Senior Democratic Services Officer – Committees
Rachel Keepins – Democratic Services Manager
Laura Griffiths – Group Manager – Legal and Democratic Services
Mike Pitman – Democratic Services Officer - Technical

2. Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	The following personal declarations of interest were made:- Councillor RM Granville – Agenda item 5 as a School Governor Councillor J Gebbie – Agenda item 5 as a School Governor Councillor JP Blundell – Agenda item 3 as a School Governor Councillor H Bennett – Agenda item 3 as her employer organisation are noted in the proposed budget cuts Councillor M Williams – Agenda item 3 as a School Governor at Litchard Primary School and Agenda item 4 as a member of Coity Higher and St. Brides Minor Community Councils Councillor E Winstanley – Agenda items 3 and 6 as an employee at Arwen Cultural Trust and Agenda item 5 as a School Governor at two schools within her Ward area Councillor J Pratt – Agenda item 3 as his wife is a teacher in a Bridgend County Borough School and a trade union representative Councillor Amanda Williams – Agenda item 5 as Chairperson of the Governing Body of Coity Primary School
Date Decision Made	28 February 2024

3. Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2024-25 to 2027-28

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council approved the MTFS 2024-25 to 2027-28, including the 2024-25 revenue budget and the Capital Programme 2023-24 to 2033-34. In particular it approved the following specific elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The MTFS 2024-25 to 2027-28 (Annex 3 of the report).• The Net Budget Requirement of £359,725,154 in 2024-25.• A Band D Council Tax for Bridgend County Borough Council of £1,834.41 for 2024-25 (at Table 15 of the MTFS report).• The 2024-25 budgets as allocated in accordance with Table 10 in paragraph 4.1.3 of the MTFS report.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Capital Programme 2023-24 to 2033-34, attached at Appendix G of the MTFS report.
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4. Council Tax 2024-25

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> Subject to Council's earlier approval of the proposed net budget requirement for Bridgend County Borough Council of £101,746,816 for 2024-25 and a Band D Council Tax for Bridgend County Borough Council of £1,834.41 for 2024-25. Council agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• note the level of the precept from the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales, as set out in Table 3.• note the total Council Tax charges for Band D properties for 2024-25 for each of the Community Council areas as outlined in Table 6 and the aggregate charge for each Community Council area for each council tax band as outlined in Appendix A to the report.
Date Decision Made	28 February 2024

5. Capital Strategy 2024-25

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council approved the Capital Strategy 2024-25 to 2033-34, including the Prudential Indicators 2024-25 to 2033-34 and the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement 2024-25 at Appendix A to the report.</p>
Date Decision Made	28 February 2024

6. Treasury Management Strategy 2024-25

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council approved the Treasury Management Strategy 2024-25 including the Treasury Management Indicators 2024-25</p>
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	to 2026-27 at Appendix A to the report.
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7. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no urgent items
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