

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 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, 13 MARCH 2024 AT 16:00

Present

Councillor W J Kendall – Chairperson

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	M Jones	M Lewis	RL Penhale-Thomas
J E Pratt	R J Smith	JC Spanswick	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	

Apologies for Absence

C L C Davies, GH Haines and J Llewellyn-Hopkins

Officers:

Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Rachel Keepins	Democratic Services Manager
Carys Lord	Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change
Claire Marchant	Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing
Janine Nightingale	Corporate Director - Communities
Michael Pitman	Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Mark Shephard	Chief Executive
Kelly Watson	Chief Officer Legal, HR and Regulatory Services

2. Declarations of Interest

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Decision Made	<p>The following declarations of interest were made:-</p> <p>Councillor JP Blundell prejudicial interest in Agenda item 8. Councillor Blundell left the meeting whilst this item was being considered.</p> <p>Councillor I Williams prejudicial interest in Agenda item 8. Councillor Williams left the meeting whilst this item was being considered.</p> <p>The Chief Executive, all Directors and Chief Officers declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 7 and left the meeting whilst this item was being considered.</p> <p>Councillor M Evans declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8. as a member of Pencoed Town Council</p> <p>Councillor T Thomas declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8. as through his employment he has engaged with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on Local Development Plans in England.</p>
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

3. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Minutes of a meeting of Council dated 17 January 2024, be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

4. To receive announcements from:

Decision Made	No decisions made
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5. To receive announcements by the Leader

Decision Made	No decision made
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

6. Single Transferable Vote (STV)

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council determined at this time, not to go out to consultation with persons entitled to vote as electors at a local government election, Town and Community Councils and such other persons as the Council considers appropriate, on the issue of adopting the Single Transferable Voting system at the 2027 local elections and the following local elections in 2032
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

7. Pay Policy Statement - 2024/2025

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council approved the Pay Policy Statement 2024/2025 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

8. Adoption of the Replacement Local Development Plan 2018-2033

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council: a) Noted the findings of the binding Inspector's Report attached at Appendix 1 (to the cover report) and approved adoption of the Bridgend RLDP 2018 – 2033. b) Authorised the Corporate Director - Communities and Group Manager - Planning and Development Services to make minor typographical or factual corrections, presentational changes or
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	<p>consequential amendments to the RLDP arising from the Inspector's recommended changes in accordance with paragraph 12.1 and Appendix A of the Inspector's Report (Appendix 1).</p> <p>c) Authorised the Corporate Director - Communities and Group Manager - Planning and Development Services to make the necessary arrangements to publish the RLDP, including making the Plan available on the Council's website and at deposit locations in accordance with Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).</p> <p>d) Authorised continued use of adopted SPGs prepared to supplement the policies of the existing adopted LDP (2006-2021) as material considerations in the determination of planning applications until these SPGs are replaced or otherwise withdrawn.</p>
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

9. Related Party Transactions 2023-24 for Statement of Accounts

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council noted the requirement for Members to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">formally declare any related party transactions for the 2023-24 financial year;complete and date the return no earlier than 31 March 2024;submit the return by Wednesday 10 April 2024.
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

10. Elected Member Personal Safety Protocol

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council:</p> <p>a) Considered and approved the Elected Member Personal Safety Protocol attached at Appendix A to the report; and</p> <p>b) Delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change to consider and determine any requests for funding appropriate security measures where a Member is at personal risk or significant threat of harm in carrying out their role.</p>
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

11. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2024/25

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council noted the Annual Report for 2024/25 and approved: (1) The adoption of the relevant Determinations of the Panel contained within the Annual Report (attached as Appendix 1); (2) Those posts (shown in the revised Members' Schedule of Remuneration at Schedule 1 of Appendix 2) who will receive a senior / civic salary; (3) The revised Members' Schedule of Remuneration (Appendix 2 of the report) and for it to become effective from 1 April 2024; (4) That the Members' Schedule of Remuneration be updated with any changes to senior / civic salary positions subsequently made by Council during the 2024/25 municipal year.
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

12. Information Report for Noting

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council acknowledged the publication of the report referred to in paragraph 3.1 of the report.
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024

13. To receive the following Question from:

Decision Made	No decisions made
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14. Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Alex Williams:

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That at the request of Councillor Williams, Council agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of Council
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024	

15. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no urgent items
Date Decision Made	13 March 2024